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The State of Dale
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*I say, so you're
the Old Dalian!*

RISE STAR: KAUNDA NTUNJA

Dalian leads
South African
Schools
rugby side



A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Old Boys from
the '70s (and
other eras)
return for
Reunion 2000

Manners Maketh Dalians

FROM many quarters Dalians are being commended for their good manners, their politeness and their smart dress.

Unsolicited letters have reached the Headmaster remarking on the fine conduct of touring sports teams and of Dalians generally.

A couple whose car ran out of petrol after a rugby match in King William's Town told how two Dalians had offered them help. They spoke of "how wonderfully considerate and well-mannered your boys are ... We were very impressed by this wonderful, disciplined behaviour."

When a Dale squash team played at Parkview, Johannesburg, comments were heard on the "excellent behaviour of the team."

Rob Taylor, Border Under 14 hockey coach, wrote praising the conduct on and off the field of his side, which included Dalians.

"Our pupils from the Border stand out at all times," he said. "These boys know how to behave, are courteous and appreciative and give of their all on the field, yet are excellent sports."

The off-field conduct of the Dale Junior Under 13A team which toured Durban was described by their assistant coach as "exemplary." He had heard positive comments from spectators about the team.

Old Dalian Deon Lombard, pastor of the Amanzimtoti Baptist Church, who conducted the Reunion Memorial Service, wrote saying: "I was overwhelmed by the high standard of discipline maintained ... on all occasions during the weekend."

A Johannesburg grandmother of two Dalians who dropped in to see them at Reunion remarked on "how polite and well-behaved" Dale boys were.

In an era when good manners are often regarded as "not cool," these comments are refreshing. The best ambassadors for Dale College are its boys. Long may this continue!

The biggest and the best

CONGRATULATIONS to the Old Dalian Union, Dale College and Dale Junior on the success of the 2000 Reunion, regarded as the biggest and the best ever.

The three-day event drew a record attendance from South Africa and some notable visitors from abroad. Its organisation was slicker and ceremonies brisker than in past years.

The behaviour of Dalians was exemplary. And in addition to Old Dalians of older vintage, more younger men are returning to meet former classmates and see "how the school is getting on."

One notable feature was the large turn-out of Gauteng Old Dalians to support Ivan Venter, the first ODU national president from across the Vaal in 25 years.

The Malcom Andrew Centre has emerged as a premium venue for Reunion and other functions. And to crown it all we beat old rivals Queen's College 20-nil to even the score of 65 wins in 146 matches.

What is officially the Old Dalian Reunion has become a festival for the whole Dale Family - an opportunity for parents to visit their sons and share in their enjoyment of a great weekend.

Parents who attended Reunion for the first time have pronounced it an occasion not to be missed and urged others to take the opportunity next year.

Well done, Dale!

The Editor

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• **Blast from the past ...** Back row (from left): Dave Ellwood, Dave Ranger, Richard Jay, Neil Crossey, Alan Eyre, Billy Rapson, Vaughan Fetting, George Kolbe. Middle row: David Miles, Gary Hayden, Martin Sheard, Grant Turnbull, Kim Copland. Front row: Barry de Blocq, Edwin Jay, Kevin Ranger, Peter Wales, Neil Turnbull (with ball), Rob Voerman and Laurence Beadon - Pages 16-17.

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Donations have been personally acknowledged, but we regret we are unable to list them in this issue of TransDale. We intend, if space permits, to record these and future donations next year.

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Across the world to Dale!

OLD DALIANS from Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Britain, the Canary Islands and Malawi – plus a record number from South Africa – returned to the college for the 2000 Reunion. A former teacher flew in from England to be welcomed by ex-pupils for a weekend of nostalgia. There, too, from nearer home, were two former headmasters and another three ex-teachers, one of them a rugby coach.



DESTINATION DALE: Ray Radloff from Australia and Tim Russell, New Zealand ... together on a sentimental journey • Pictures: KEVIN WHITEHEAD

FROM DOWN UNDER:

A chance encounter on a plane in Oz: Two Old Dalians heading for 'a small town called King'

BY a remarkable coincidence two Old Dalians, both bound for South Africa, found themselves sitting next to each other on an aircraft in Australia. The conversation went something like this:

"Where are you heading for?" said one. "To a school reunion" said the other. "That's funny, I'm going to one too in a small town called King William's Town."

Tim Russell (matric class 1947) was on his way from Auckland, New Zealand, to visit his brother and family in East London and also to attend the Reunion.

Ray Radloff, semi-retired in Ballina, a small town north of Sydney, was on his way to join mates from his matric class of 1960.

• **TIM RUSSELL**, 70, who emigrated to New Zealand in 1956, is a retired livestock agent who specialised in stud cattle. His brother Mike (1953), a past national president of the Old Dalian Union, described him as the top authority in New Zealand on stud cattle. Their mother was matron at Diocesan Hostel during the 1940s.

Tim bought the rugby ball used by the Dale and Queen's first teams in their Saturday encounter and autographed by the players. He took it back to New Zealand to present it to the New Zealand Rugby Museum on whose board he serves.

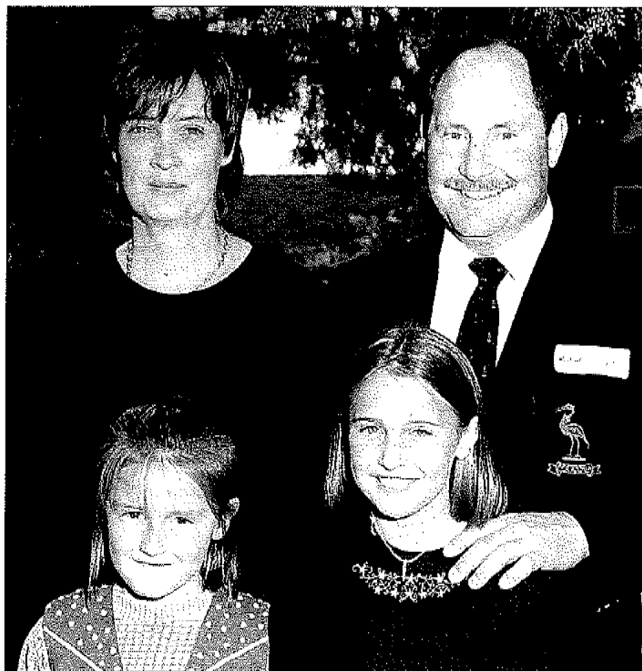
It was Tim who, on a visit to King William's Town in 1995, spotted New Zealand exchange student Greg Somerville playing prop forward for Dale. Impressed, he recommended Greg to his neighbour, Frank Oliver, a former All Black then coaching the New Zealand Colts. This year Greg won his first All Black cap (see Page 41).

Tim, after recovering from a double bypass, plays golf twice a week and won the New Zealand veterans championship in 1998.

He and his New Zealand wife Karen, who joined him on his SA trip, live in Palmerston North, North Island, and have two children, Doug and Phillipa. Doug, who played rugby for New Zealand Colleges, is an ardent All Black supporter but his dad is still loyal to the Springboks.

Tim's brother Mike runs a clothing business with his younger son David (1983) in East London, King William's Town and four Transkei

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FAMILY AFFAIR: Dr George Kolbe with his wife Rina and daughters Courtney (left) and Andrea ... 'Canada's great, but we do miss home'

FROM CANADA:

Dr George (1975 rugby star) brings his wife and daughters back to see 'the real thing'

Dr **GEORGE KOLBE** (matric class and first team prop forward, 1975) has spent three years in Canada as a general practitioner. He brought his wife Rina and daughters Andrea, 10, and Courtney, 7, to the Reunion. Originally from Port Elizabeth, he lives at Fort St John, British Columbia.

Back in Canada, George e-mailed TransDale: "We thoroughly enjoyed the Reunion and seeing old classmates from 25 years ago. My daughters were very keen to see the 'real thing' after hearing all the stories from their dad."

"Our impression of Dale was very favourable – the boys were very well mannered."

The most impressive feature to me was the fact that the essence and traditions of Dale have remained the same despite the enormous changes in SA during the last decade.

"This is obviously an indication that Dale and its associations (old boys, pupils and parents) are on the right track. Congratulations Dale!"

On leaving Dale in 1975, George did his two-year national service stint in the infantry and after obtaining a BSc degree at UPE, he worked for two years for SA Breweries and Goodyear Tyres.

He then studied medicine at the University of Pretoria, completing the degree in 1988. After gaining experience at Pretoria, Empangeni and Western Deep Levels Mine hospitals, he worked as a family practitioner in Port Elizabeth from 1991 to 1997.

The Kolbes have been in Canada since May 1997. "Have we moved here permanently? We don't know," says George. "This has been an unexpected opportunity and a great experience, but we do miss home."

George's younger brother Philip played hooker for the Dale First XV for three years and captained the side in 1978. He was awarded honours two years running.

Philip lives in Bluewater Bay, Port Elizabeth, with his wife and son. "He operated a very successful brick-paving manufacturing company until he sold it recently," says George.

"He retired for a few months, but has become bored with retirement and is now investigating various other business ventures." Philip's e-mail address is pkolbe@interkom.co.za and George's kolbe@fsj.net

FROM CANADA:**Travelling man
Ryan has designs
on settling down**

"LOOK at that hairstyle!" cracked former Headmaster Andy Andrew in welcoming 1990 matric RYAN (Spikes) WESTLEY as an honoured guest at the Reunion. Ryan was wearing a ponytail and earrings.

In between travelling the world, which he describes as his hobby, Ryan works as a product designer. He designs, for example, furniture and household appliances.

After obtaining a national diploma in three-dimensional design from Technikon Witwatersrand, he worked in SA and then went to Britain two years ago. He worked and travelled there and in Europe before moving this year to Canada where he hopes eventually to settle.

"It was great to see the guys at Reunion and surprising that some had married and had children," said Ryan. Friends may e-mail him at ryanwestley@hotmail.com

Ryan's brother Clint (1993) is doing construction work in London. Their father Richard of Benoni joined Ryan at Reunion.

FROM THE CANARIES:

JOHN BECKLEY (1989) flew in from Tenerife, Canary Islands, where he is in the time-share business with his brother James (1979). Among old mates he met was Gary Butcher (1989) of Gauteng, who was to die tragically in Pretoria four months later.

At Dale John played first team rugby, cricket, tennis and squash and won prizes for cricket and for all-round proficiency in games. He was Dale's 1990 scholar at Exeter Cathedral School in England. John and James are the sons of the late Bill Beckley (1946) and his wife Diana of Durban.

FROM MALAWI:

RHYS DAVIES, deputy headboy in 1974, flew from Blantyre to join past headboys and their deputies as honoured guests and meet up with old mates of the '70s. Rhys had been working for Lonrho Africa as managing director of Chibuku Products, but has since left the company and returned to South Africa.

At Dale Rhys won colours for rugby and was a member of the first athletics team. He won the prize awarded to "the boy who best exemplifies the motto 'We Serve.'"

FROM NEARER HOME:

FROM the Cape, to join his outstanding 1975 rugby team was former rugby coach and teacher Midge Hilton-Green. From Port Elizabeth, former deputy headmaster Des (Boedie) Gendall, was there to greet his returning Class of 1990.

Other ex-teachers included Adri Leurs and Basil Birch of East London. And, as always, from Kidd's Beach, came Bill Rowles, Headmaster of Dale from 1965-1977, and Malcom (Andy) Andrew, Headmaster from 1982-1996, who moved early this year from his home in King William's Town to his seaside house at Kayser's Beach.



CLASSROOM BOND: Former teacher David Boothroyd (second left) with 1990 matrics Robin Knott (left), Greg Webb (headboy) and John MacDonald
• Pictures: KEVIN WHITEHEAD

FROM BRITAIN:**Back to join old friends: Lawyer Greg,
telecom boss Robin and IT expert John**

• 1990 headboy GREG WEBB, like his father Mickey a lawyer, is now working in London for a firm of attorneys. He went to Britain in 1997 after graduating BProc from UNISA and completing his articles with Hutton and Cook in King William's Town.

At Dale Greg was awarded colours for golf and half-colours for waterpolo and played a few games for the first rugby team. Greg lives in Wimbledon, London. His e-mail address is magulu@hotmail.com

• ROBIN (Nosey) KNOTT (1990) is managing director of Econcall Ltd, a telecommunications company in Britain. He lives in St Albans, Hertfordshire.

At Dale, Robin played first team cricket for three years, was awarded colours and played for the Border Nuffield team. He is the son of Sid Knott, past-president of the ODU and former provincial cricket star, of Kei Road (See Page 38).

**AND EX-TEACHER
DAVE CAME TOO**

DAVID BOOTHROYD, former teacher and author of a History of Dale College in about 1989, now teachers in Rossall School, Lancashire, England. The school is 156 years old. Davis is teaching English and is also involved in the International Baccalaureate programme there.

Of the Reunion David said: "It was good to be back but a bit like a dream considering its brevity. I was pleased to see the college campus was still so well cared for and impressed with the turnout of so many."

David was born and raised in what was then Gwelo, Rhodesia. He came to Dale College in 1988 after British South Africa Police service, teacher training and further study at the University of Cape Town.

Robin played in all 20 matches of the unbeaten 1990 rugby team, was awarded colours and captained the Border B in Project Week.

He played first team squash for three years and for Border Schools and was school prefect and deputy headboy of Joubert House. He won the class award each year for the "all-round scholar/sportsman."

After studying for a year at Stellenbosch Robin moved to Natal University, Maritzburg, where he graduated BComm in 1994. He played rugby for Natal Under 20s, Under 21s and the President's team while in Natal.

Robin left for the Britain in 1995 and spent 1995-1998 working there and in the US and travelling around the world. Robin's e-mail address: rknot@econcall.co.uk

• JOHN (Spook) MACDONALD (1990) is an information technology consultant in England and lives in Romford, Essex. After leaving Dale he studied environmental science at Aberdeen University, Scotland, and IT at Canterbury, England. He holds BSc (Hons) and MSc degrees.

At Dale he won half-colours for cross-country running and an all-rounder's tie.

QUOTE

FROM LONDON, Robin Knott e-mailed TransDale: "It was great to be back and to catch up with what old friends have been doing over the years."

"It is only later that you appreciate how good and important the traditions are and the high standard the school keeps. It is very important to maintain these standards."

"I was especially impressed with the junior school and the standard of sport from the Under Nines. The boys' discipline and manners are excellent – not like British kids!"

Now Ray turns to farming avocados**• From Page 1**

towns – Umtata, Butterworth, Cofinva and Encgobo. He lives in East London.

Mike's elder son Colin has emigrated to New Zealand with his wife Penny and four-year-old son James. They live in Auckland. Colin has the New Zealand franchise for Mad Dogs clothing.

• RAY RADLOFF qualified as a teacher with a UED at Rhodes and taught at Selborne and Queen's College (under Old Dalian headmaster Tom Higgs, see Page 42). He gave up teaching and worked as a sales rep., selling concrete pipes at Berlin, near King William's Town.

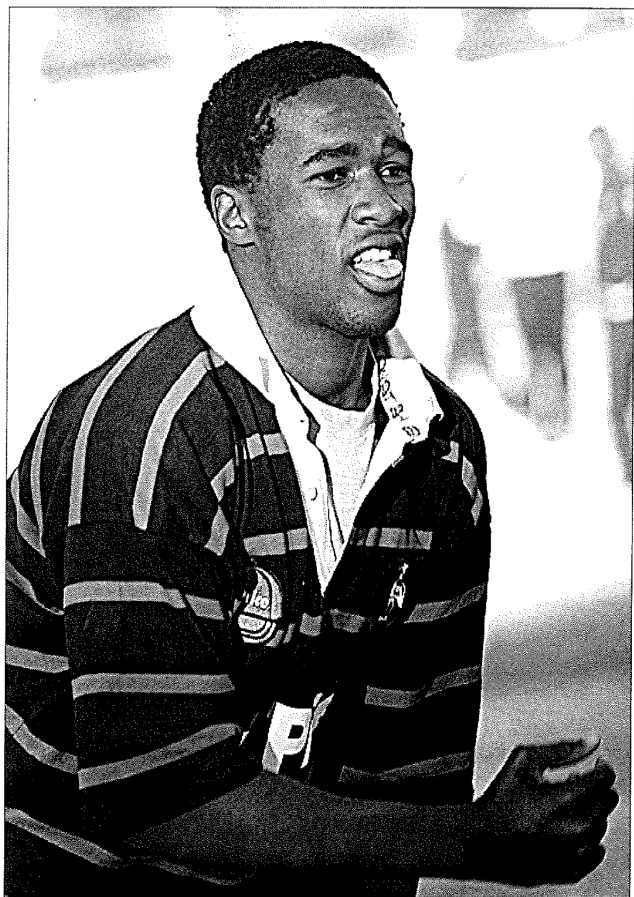
In 1981 he left South Africa for Australia with his wife Kay, a former Queenstown GHS girl, and two children, Alan, then aged 10, and Janice, 8. Alan is now a civil engineer and Janice, a graduate in divinity, is a church minister.

Ray worked in Australia as an occupation health and safety manager and a quality assurance manager in the concrete industry. Now, having bought a five-acre farm, he intends growing avocados.

On his trip from Australia Ray brought a trout-fishing rod and tackle for an Old Dalian friend, Rob Lloyd, who lives in Natal. Friends may e-mail Ray at raynkayradloff@hotmail.com

LEADER OF THE PACK

SA Schools captain Ntunja tells what makes him tick



KAUNDA NTUNJA ... 'be optimistic, never give up'
• Picture: RUVAN BOSHOF, Sunday Times

By TRACI MACKIE

A BRIEF conversation with Dale flank forward Kaunda Ntunja was all it took to understand why he was the man chosen to lead the South African Schools side. His quiet confidence, charisma and skill said it all.

Kaunda, 18, couldn't have asked for a better opportunity to perform this task – when the SA Schools side played against the SA Academy side as curtain raiser to the nail-biting clash between South Africa and Australia in Durban on August 26.

His team lost the match by three points because, he says, they relaxed during extra time.

Before the match he told TransDale why he thought he was selected captain. "I can communicate with people – and I suppose my rugby skills also got me there," said Kaunda, whose rugby hero is injured Springbok Bobby Skinstad. "I still believe he's going to make a comeback."

"We will only have been together for a week before we play in Durban. This doesn't really give us a chance to perform as a unit, so we will mainly depend on raw talent."

Kaunda was a star in the First XV pack in this year's relatively successful season when Dale won 13 of their 21 matches. He captained the Border Craven Week side, but was less enthusiastic to dwell on their poor performance at this year's tournament in Port Elizabeth.

Craig Coyle-Maybery (1984) and Kaunda are the only Daliens who have captained a SA Schools side. (Gcobani Bobo led the side after leaving Dale and is the only other player of colour to have done so.)

In March this year, Kaunda joined the side that went to France to play in the Junior Rugby World Cup. Of the 44 teams that competed, South Africa came sixth. With him was a team-mate from last year's Dale First XV, front-ranker Lonwabo Ntinka, who played with Kaunda in the SA Schools side in a Test curtain raiser at Loftus Versfeld last year.

Kaunda would like to be a professional rugby player or follow a career in advertising. At this stage he's leaving his options open for next year.

A boarder at Dale since aged nine, Kaunda still clearly remembers his first game. It was against Graeme College from Grahamstown, "We won by quite a bit. I weighed 55 kgs and was quite big for my age. All I knew was that I had to get the ball and run forward."

Throughout his school years he has stood in as captain often. So what would he tell all those up and coming little rugger stars: "Always be optimistic and never give up. Concentrate on working with people because good people skills go far in rugby."

The son of a teacher and an insurance man, Kaunda was born in East London and grew up in Butterworth, where his parents, Mbulelo and

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Thank you, Coach – and my Dale team-mates!

KAUNDA NTUNJA believes his Dale rugby coach for three seasons, Mike Wesson has had the biggest influence on his rugby career to date. He coached Kaunda in the Under 14s and Under 15s and last year's first team.

"He helped establish my strength, made me play my type of game and urged me on because he knew my strong points," Kaunda told Wynand Claassen of the newspaper *Rugby Week*. He attributed his success also to his Dale team-mates and the competition between them to perform well.

Paying tribute to last year's Dale first team and to Mike Wesson, Kaunda told Brian McLean of the *Kei Mercury*: "We played a high standard of rugby and I think that helped me get noticed."

In an article headlined, *Rising Star*, also available on the website www.rugbyweek.co.za, Claassen, a former Springbok eighth man and captain, wrote:

• Much of Kaunda's rugby ability was inherited from his father, who played for the first team of St John's College in Umtata as a prop forward. He has a younger brother at Dale who plays wing for the Under 14B team.

Kaunda says he has two ambitions in his future rugby strategy. The first is to play for the Springboks one day and hopefully in a World Cup.

FACT FILE

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Dale College First XV 1998 (team blazer), 1999 (honours), 2000
Border Craven Week U18 – 1999-2000
SA U/19 in 2000
SA Schools U/18 -1999/2000

His second dream is to play in the same team as his hero, Bobby Skinstad. "I would like to know how he thinks and how he absorbs the pressure. I can learn a great deal from him as it seems he enjoys the game tremendously."

The reasons for his success, Kaunda feels, can probably be attributed to the fact that he is playing with people who are ambitious in life. "Dale has a good side and I am playing with good players. I therefore want to perform just as well, or better, than my team-mates. The competition within the team is tremendous."

His advice to young players therefore is to never give up, to train hard and always be optimistic.

Asked about his best moment on the rugby field he had no hesitation in citing last season's two victories against Selborne College as special. "It was a big moment for us especially after they had thrashed us the year before."

In his leisure time Kaunda does not have much time for any hobbies, but because he is close to his friends at school, he likes to go out with his buddies.

• Kaunda Ntunja also featured in an article in the *Sunday Times* by Simnikiwe Xabanisa, an Old Dalian now on the staff of the newspaper.

He told Simnikiwe that he saw his selection as SA Schools captain as "another stepping stone from representing the SA Under 19s to bigger things."

The report added: "Rugby has already become serious in the blindside flanker's life after he gave up playing cricket in the rugby off-season to take part in pre-season training."

"One of the main reasons I'm happy to be in the side is that I know I'm there on merit and that's always very good to know."

The Bobby Skinstad fan enjoys the control that goes with it (the captaincy). "I like calling the shots," he said.

The State of Dale today **By JAMES HAUPT**

• I am really excited about Dale's future prospects. We have top expertise in key positions. We have well-nigh weathered the financial and redeployment crisis. The staff is lean, but well-balanced and very talented. There is much to be thankful for.

WITH these confident words Headmaster James Haupt reviews the "State of Dale" 12 months after he told TransDale: "The next year or so will determine whether we will survive ...".

Responding to wide-ranging questions, the Headmaster calls for closer teacher-parent contacts.

He deals with the pressing problem of recruiting more boarders to stem the decline of Dale's traditional backbone. And, looking into the future, Mr Haupt tells of plans to prepare Dalianians for teaching careers in an extended post-matric course based at Paterson House. Important topics affecting the running of the school include:

FINANCE:

The school's finances are improving steadily. Biting the bullet in recent months is paying dividends. The overdraft has been reduced. It is still a problem, but it is now more manageable. We have to be more careful in committing ourselves to expansion projects.

The staff are carrying heavy teaching and non-teaching loads because of this cautious financial approach. Investment in information technology (IT) remains a priority for the future.

When department-paid staff leave we cannot yet advertise their positions publicly and we are not comfortable with the idea of appointing from redeployment lists.

Replacement staff must be able to operate at a high level, be fully involved in senior academic teaching and offer high levels of commitment in sport and culture.

Expertise at all levels is necessary and also the will and ability to manage all areas of school life effectively and not be a burden on the rest of the hard-pressed staff.

The Education Department pays the salaries of 16 teachers, some matrons and hostel staff. Charles Alexander and one other worker are the only grounds staff funded by the department, which also pays for the school's two secretaries. Mr Alexander is doing a first-class job, previously done by two men.

The bursar, Mrs Phoebe Minnie, is funded by the Governing Body, as well as ten teachers, including the sports administrator.

Apart from paying the rates the department makes no further contribution to the running of the school. It does so because it now owns the college buildings (besides Paterson House and Heron Court, which are owned by the Hostels Trust). Heron Court accommodates some staff members and their families.

I do not believe we need to make further drastic financial demands on parents. We should be able to maintain standards if we get the income budgeted for.

If exemptions (in fees) were allowed it would be impossible to offer the present levels of education. It is unfortunately an all-or-nothing exercise! The governing body is insisting that parents use debit orders if they cannot pay fees in advance.

RATIONALISATION AND REDEPLOYMENT:

We believe that by the end of the year redeployment should be something of the past and that the administration of education will return to normal.

• Pictures: KEVIN WHITEHEAD



A TOAST TO DALE: The prospects are exciting, Headmaster believes

• The future looks brighter ... we're winning, says head

This should improve with the amalgamation of the District Office and the Regional Office. We are hopeful that the advent of a new MEC for Education, Stone Sizani, will bring out real change.

At present there is a set staffing formula for high schools. Numbers and subject choices play a role. We are reasonably satisfied with our annual quota and feel no need to increase our numbers unless they are boarders.

If numbers drop teachers are declared in excess. The school must decide who is to leave – and the formula denominator can change every year.

It is not easy to cover all critical subject areas with fully-qualified staff. So far we have succeeded, often by creating governing body positions. These include heads of Science, English, Art and some key mathematics teachers.

Despite the rationalisation programme and thanks to the foresight of parents willing to pay the fees allowing us to appoint governing body staff, we have some of the best staff in all key areas of the school curriculum.

We can offer the very highest teaching standards in all key subjects now and in the future. Standards have not dropped.

Despite the negative administration background and the pressure this has placed on us, we have maintained our highest standards, retained our traditions and remain one of the top schools in the Eastern Cape.

We are producing fine young gentlemen, who are being stretched academically and in the areas of sport and culture. They are being exposed to life by the creation of opportunities not available at most other schools – and this in a safe environment.

PARENTS OF BOARDERS:

Closer contact with the school is a priority:

- The role of the standard head must be developed to keep parents better informed.
- Hostel superintendents will contact parents more regularly about academic performance and hostel life. There will be regular phone calls in future. Parents should try to build up relationships with superintendents.
- Reporting to parents via the Internet should provide some answers this year.
- Videos of sporting events will be sent to parents.
- I wish to explore the innovation of a staff/pupil meeting for certain problem Gauteng pupils which can be videoed and sent to parents.

Cheers, TransDalianians!

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• Bill Beckley (1946), staunch Old Dalian and supporter of TransDale, died as we went to press. He was 72. A tribute will appear in our next issue. Our condolences go to his widow Diana, their five Old Dalian sons, James, Peter, John, Michael and David, and three daughters, Wendy, Judy and Debbie.

The State of Dale today

By **JAMES HAUPT**

• We must target small towns to recruit more boarders

RECRUITMENT:

The decline in boarder enrolment appears to affect all traditional boarding schools. Both Kingswood and Queen's have recently closed hostels.

We must work much harder to recruit boarders in future. I feel the answer lies in the smaller towns in Gauteng, the Free State etc, although we must not neglect the cities.

City parents should see the advantage of "day care for their sons," particularly if both parents work or are divorced/separated. Not all city parents, however, appreciate hostel discipline.

Small-town parents are seeking accommodation for their sons at schools like ours, which have not been as hard hit in critical subject areas by rationalisation and redeployment. They are also more likely to understand the hostel system.

Recruitment should be approached through:

- Adverts in local weekly newspapers in towns or city suburbs, giving contact numbers of local Dale parents – a vital link.
- Visits to primary schools by Dale staff – nothing can replace this.

On the weekly boarder scheme now being promoted by Dale, Mr Haupt commented:

This is a wonderful alternative for parents to have 24-hour care over their children, but it should never replace the normal boarding system of the past. Reductions for weekly boarders cannot be considered. Our boarding fees are really competitive.

ACADEMICS:

The 1999 matrics did us proud with their 100 per cent pass rate again. Steven Poortman, this year's Dale exchange scholar at Exeter School in England, has been awarded an A aggregate after a re-mark. This brings the number of 1999 A aggregates to five.

We are not prepared to hide or adjust any marks for internal examinations. We will not adjust averages and are prepared to expose problem areas, be it in our teaching or the fault of the pupil.



WELCOME BACK! With 1949 headboy Nummy Zasmán of Gauteng

Because of our hard line on internal standards we are able to reap the rewards in the external exams. For each exam written teachers must submit detailed examiners' reports. No other school I know of us goes to this trouble and it indicates the thoroughness of our systems.

Pupils who have not performed well in a term exam will be followed up by standard heads in the new term.

Successes have again been achieved in the Maths Olympiad and the UPE Business Game. We have some wonderful academics coming through, particularly in the college junior grades.

COMPUTER STUDIES

Dale needs a computer specialist who would be only involved in this area of school life and can lead the department and subject departments in this field.

Mr Makkiyil Sasikumar, a lecturer at the Border Technikon and a Dale parent, is offering computer studies (higher grade) at Dale. Two pupils are taking this course for this year's matric exam as a seventh subject.

He will assist us in developing this subject at the school as a seventh subject – but for only the brightest pupils.



PRESENTATION: A Per Ardua award for ODU leader Kelvin Bahlmann

• We're tops in sport – both in performance and facilities

At present Luke Morris, who matriculated at Dale in 1997, runs our computer centre with Cheryl Coombes, a computer literacy teacher. They are planning a curriculum with term-end exams for all pupils.

We are perhaps the only school in the country using the Interactive series used by the Universities of Stellenbosch and Port Elizabeth. (This computer training programme explains the use of office programmes step by step. It interacts with pupils at their own pace.)

SPORT

In this sphere Dale reigns supreme. We have the best sports facilities. Because of this we have the top pupils and total commitment of staff in coaching after hours and transporting pupils to holiday tournaments.

We are the top rugby, cricket and hockey school on the Border at present – our results bear this out. Squash is on the way up and Leeme Magae, a boarder at Presby from Botswana, is in the top ten in the country.

I don't think any of the Old Dalians who have played for South African sports teams would have got there if they hadn't gone to Dale.

LOOKING AHEAD

Moves in the pipeline include:

- A new post-matric course – based at Paterson House. This would involve further development of the "stoooge" system by identifying prospective Dalian teachers, keeping them on after a first-year as post-matrics.

Already young Old Dalians are helping to coach sport. These include Terry and Nicky Knicklebein, Mzuyanda Mtimka (brother of rugby player Lonwabo Mtimka), Philip van der Merwe, Luke Morris and various church organisation coaches. Skip Wallace and Steve Hazelton, American preachers from the Bethany Emmanuel Baptist Church, coach the first basketball side.

We are treading warily in using outside helpers in the classroom. Secondary teaching is very specialised and demanding and we cannot place pupils at risk. If we develop our post-matric class on these lines next year we may be on to something exciting for the future.

- Improving the hostel system, through more care, control and better communication. Promoting Dale hostels throughout the country and attracting top pupils from each province.
- Developing Grade 8 and Grade 10 subject choices to make them more relevant to the world of work.
- Upgrading our reporting system (on pupils' progress) to become more diagnostic.

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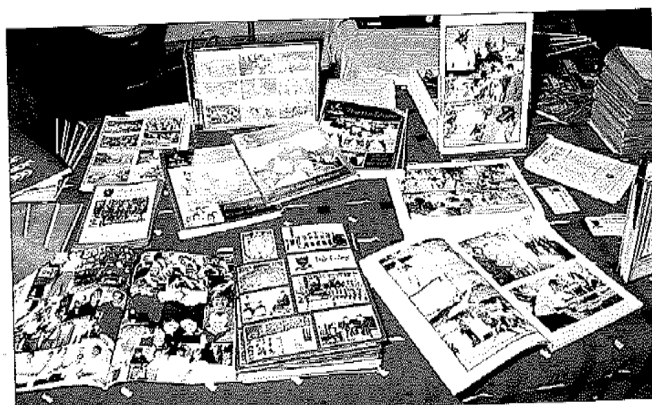
- "Our sporting teams are playing at the highest level. You don't get to the top unless you challenge the best." – Headmaster James Haupt explaining Dale's decision to play Affies (Afrikaans Hoërskool, Pretoria) at short notice on the day after the second term closed. "Other schools had declined to play them. We agreed even if we lost." (Dale did.)

Dale goes on show

**GAUTENG DRIVE
FOR BOARDERS**



TEACHER Zane Hagemann and deputy headboy Thando Gobe talk about Dale to interested visitors



ALL ABOUT DALE: Brochures and pictures tell the story. TransDale is there, too • Pictures: KEVIN WHITEHEAD

THE ANNUAL drive to recruit Dale boarders from Gauteng has focused this year on two joint events involving other high schools and one visit to primary schools.

• A three-day educational expo at Midrand. Dale was one of many schools, state and private, and some universities and technikons, which promoted their institutions at stands in Gallagher Estate.

• An options evening organised by Edenvale primary schools to help their pupils to plan their high school education. Dale, Queen's College, and a number of local high schools took part.

Zane Hagemann, the Dale head of department responsible for recruitment, brought pictures, posters and other promotional material from King William's Town for display at Midrand.

He was accompanied by sports manager Marco van Zyl, deputy headboy Thando Gobe, American exchange Kyle Ranger and Matthew Eglinton, a Grade 10 pupil at Dale and son of Steve and Wendy Eglinton of Alberton. The Dale video was on view.

Wendy, then treasurer of the TransDale Parents' Association and now its secretary, helped the King representatives to set up the stand. She and ex-chairman Joe Fyfer also interviewed interested parents and boys.

While the success of this form of recruitment

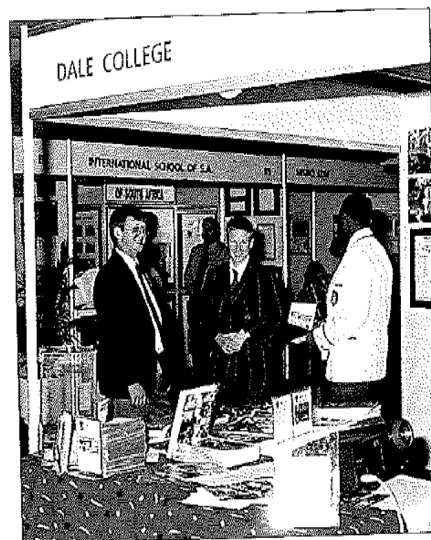
is still to emerge, Mr Hagemann believes that valuable lessons have been learnt. In future the school will concentrate on expos nearer the main urban centres.

In the second venture, held at Edenvale High School, Dale faced strong competition from local high schools, which drew major interest from parents.

Grant Turnbull, who took a leading role in last year's recruiting at primary schools, gave an inspiring, short talk on the advantages of boarding school education at Dale. In addition to excellent academic, sporting and cultural facilities, he said Dale offered the experience of independence, preparation for life and lifetime camaraderie and networking with school friends.

A Dale stand set up by parents Wendy Eglinton and Joe Fyfer in the school staff room attracted considerable interest. The Dale video was shown and Dale pamphlets, the school and TransDale magazines were displayed and handed out.

Headmaster James Haupt paid a three-day recruiting visit to Gauteng and addressed Grade 7 boys at seven primary schools in Boksburg and Benoni, where the boys showed considerable interest. This was followed by an evening meeting of interested parents from the area held at Freeway Park Primary, Boksburg. Further visits are planned early in 2001.



THE DALE STAND ... Zane Hagemann with Dailians Matthew Eglinton and Thando Gobe at the Midrand expo

NEW Governing Bodies for Dale College and Dale Junior were elected at the end of the third term.

• The Dale College Governing Body includes the Headmaster, James Haupt, his acting deputy, Mike Eddy, and three staff representatives, Zane Hagemann, Wayne Rademan and Charles Alexander.

Mr Hagemann is head of department (biology/geography) and superintendent of Paterson House. Mr Rademan teaches maths and English and is the first team rugby coach. Mr Alexander is the college groundsman.

The parent governors are Malcolm Campbell, a local accountant who was chairman of the

New Governing Bodies chosen

previous Governing Body; two farmers, Alan Robb of Stutterheim and Kelvin Bahlmann of Kei Road, the 1999 national president of the Old Dalian Union; Russell Jackson-Moss, a local engineer; Sandi Lucas, Red Cross manager for the Border and Kei area; and Ritze Vos, manager of a local electrical appliance store.

It is hoped that a representative of the

TransDale Parents' Association will be co-opted by the board as a non-voting member next year.

The incoming headboy and his deputy, who will represent the pupils, will join the Governing Body after they are chosen.

• The Dale Junior Governing Body will include the Headmaster, Mike Hosty, his deputy, Robbie Noble, and staff representatives Penny Hogge, a teacher, and Andre Petzer, the school estate manager.

The parent governors, all from King William's Town, are businessman Trevor Blunden; accountant Gavin le Roux; attorneys Dion Linde and Gordon McCune, both Old Dalian; and Hein Westensee, a medical doctor.

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Phinda, still live. "My father heard Dale was a good school and that's why he sent me there."

Of Andre Vos's school roots, Selborne College, this is what Kaunda had to say: "We all make mistakes in life ... actually that's what Andre said to me when I introduced myself at the airport once and told him I was at Dale." It's good to know that good-humoured, traditional rivalry stays intact, regardless!

Kaunda was the only Eastern Cape player in the SA Schools side, which lost in injury time to the SA Academy side. He told TransDale it was a very

WHY WE LOST ...

tough game but he enjoyed it.

His side had led by 11 points on full time with five minutes of extra time to go. They got too comfortable and allowed the Academy side to score two converted tries.

"You can't think of playing a game for 80 minutes. You must play it for 90 minutes" he said.

He got on well with his team who gave him their full support. Ninety per cent of both teams had not played in a game that important

and felt nervous on the field because of the occasion.

As the matric exams approached he had one priority - "to make sure I get an exemption". This would enable him to pursue his studies at university.

• Kaunda has given his SA Schools blazer to Dale. It now hangs in the Old Dalian Union President's Room alongside blazers and jerseys worn by Old Dalian Springboks.

■ Traci Mackie, a former editor of the Kei Mercury, King William's Town, now edits Sport Action, a Port Elizabeth-based magazine

From Red and Black to Green Beret

AN OLD DALIAN with an illustrious military name has received one of the elite Royal Marines' highest honours at his passing out parade as a commando in Britain.

Wavell Vere (1990-91) was awarded the prestigious King's Badge for being the best all-round recruit in his troop. The badge is not awarded to every troop and only if a recruit measures up to exceptionally high standards, said the Port Elizabeth-based newspaper, *East Cape Weekend*, in reporting Wavell's outstanding achievement.

His parents, Heather and Wavell Vere snr. of Port Elizabeth, his South African-born wife Melanie and his sister Jacqui Holmes attended the parade in July.

"The ceremony was amazing. He marched out onto the parade ground with his troop led by the Royal Marine Band," Mr Vere told reporter Michelle Pughe-Parry.

"We felt so proud to be there. I had threatened to our friends back home that I would stand up and sing 'Sarie Marais' at the end of the ceremony. When they marched out the band played the song and I had such a lump in my throat I could not get any words out."

He was then told that 'Sarie Marais' had been adopted by the Royal Marine Commandos as their marching song after they served with distinction in the South African (Boer) War.

At the ceremony Wavell received his coveted Green Beret after successfully completing 30 weeks of gruelling initial training to become a Royal Marine commando.

To add to his achievement Wavell also won the Craig Medal for being the most outstanding recruit after 15 weeks' training. Then, in the second half of his training, he was appointed a section commander - indicated by a diamond-shaped badge on his uniform. Wavell will wear

Wavell wins prestige award in the Marines

his King's Badge on his left shoulder in every rank he achieves during his career.

Wavell and Melanie went to Britain on a two-year working holiday permit shortly after they were married in April 1998.

His proud mum, Heather, said: "Last year he asked us to organise his papers so that he could apply for a four-year ancestral visa. He joined the Royal Marines in November last year."

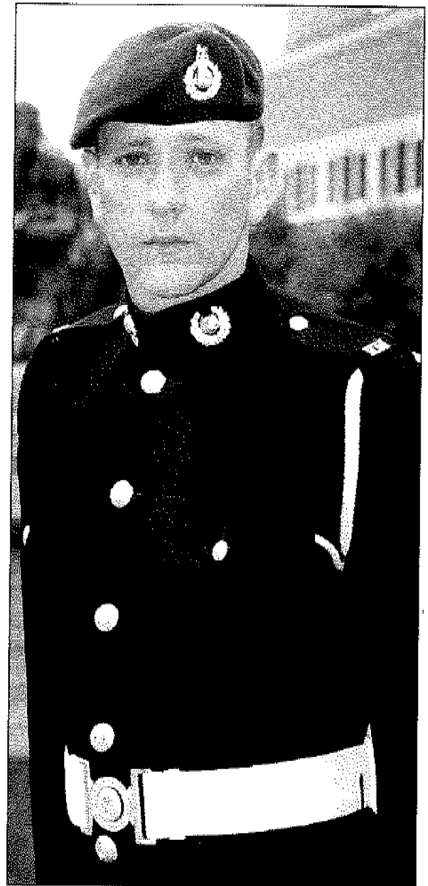
There was a very tough selection process for the Royal Marines. "The applicants have to complete a three-day training camp. If they pass the training they have to go for interviews and they even interviewed Melanie."

In a comment from England, Wavell told *East Cape Weekend*: "Commando training is well known for its intensity, but everything we do is progressive, which enables people with all standards of fitness to achieve the final goal, which is to finish as a Royal Marine commando and to be awarded the coveted Green Beret."

He said it had been a "fantastic experience" and he had made "some lifelong friends" among his fellow Marines.

"The sense of achievement felt by all of us is immense, but I know that many more challenges are to come, challenges which we are all equipped to meet."

• *East Cape Weekend* reported: "The Green Beret is the distinctive hallmark of commando troops, indicating those who wear it have attended and passed a gruelling and physically demanding test of endurance, by displaying the commando qualities of teamwork and cheerfulness under adversity."



The Dalian who didn't want to be a soldier

By JOE SUTTON

LIKE his father, Wavell Vere was named after a distinguished wartime British general, but as a boy at Dale College he was not interested in a military or police career. He was prominent on the stage and won half colours for dramatic art.

Later, however, he became a police reservist, a sergeant in the Flying Squad and an instructor in hand-to-hand combat. Now he wears the coveted Green Beret of a Royal Marine commando and seems destined for promotion and a successful service career.

Wavell spent Standards Eight and Nine at Dale and, according to Wavell Vere snr, he regrets he did not complete his matric. He is now writing his GCE (General Certificate of Education) levels in England.

The Veres were living in Port Elizabeth when they sent young Wavell to Dale. "We believed he needed to appreciate the benefits of the type of discipline and traditions associated with a good, boys' boarding school," said Mr Vere.

Wavell played a leading role in "The Brig," the school play, and also in a Kaffrarian High School play at the 1990 Reunion. He was vice-captain and hooker of the undefeated Dale fifth rugby team in 1991.

"Although his mother suggested a career in the military or the police he was not interested at the time," said his father.

Mr Vere told how at the beginning of 1991 he took early retirement as administration director of the General Tyre & Rubber Company.

Bored and wanting something to involve Wavell in after he left school, he started a service company, Bug Busters, specialising in bird and pest control, in Port Elizabeth.

But, much to his parents' surprise and during the upheavals of a changing South Africa,

Wavell decided to join the Police Reserve.

"He gained the rank of sergeant in the Flying Squad and was then sent on a VIP protection training course where he graduated top of the class," said Mr Vere.

"He was immediately offered a position with the security company which gave the course. He became a supervisor in charge of VIP protection and an instructor in hand-to-hand combat."

Wavell has signed the normal 22-year contract with the Marines, which includes exit opportunities at certain periods, the first being after four years.

"He is so proud of his achievements that he is already talking about whether or not he has time to achieve the rank of brigadier or will have to be satisfied with lieutenant-colonel when he retires at about 50 and moves to an island in the Mediterranean to spend his days sailing."

"His brigadier has told us that he is marked for promotion and is already arranging for him to attend officer-training courses."

"He is off to the Ukraine next month for mountain training, they will then refit in Istanbul before relieving some of the NATO forces in Kosovo."

"Wavell and Melanie hope to visit South Africa for Christmas. Then he'll be off to Norway for Arctic training, possible service in Northern Ireland, jungle training in Borneo, desert training and three months on board one of the Marines' ships in the Med."

Since the award ceremony Wavell and Melanie have moved into a modern, three-bedroom duplex home in the Marines' married

quarters in Plymouth.

"The Marines take great care of their men and their families," said Mr Vere. "Their new home has a garden overlooking a stream, surrounded by oak trees. This is only the beginning of the perks."

"Melanie grew up on a dairy farm in the Zuny district outside Port Elizabeth. She matriculated at Brandwag, Uitenhage. Her mother is a very artistic sculptor and potter and Melanie has followed in her footsteps and produces beautiful water-colour paintings."

How did Wavell snr and jnr. come to be named after Field Marshal Archibald (later Lord) Wavell, Second World War commander-in-chief of British and Commonwealth forces in the Middle East and later India?

Wavell snr. explained that his father had emigrated to South Africa from Britain in 1935 and met and married "a proud descendant of the 1820 Settlers."

He volunteered for the South African forces at the outbreak of war and served under Field Marshal Wavell during the North African campaign.

"As I was born during this period I was named Wavell as, in the tradition of the time, my cousin was named Winston after Winston Churchill."

Although born in Port Elizabeth, his career in the corporate world took him to Johannesburg, where he met and married Heather, whose father had also served in the desert campaign.

Wavell jnr. was born in East London but began his schooling in Johannesburg, where he attended Blairgowrie Primary School and Greenside High before the family returned to Port Elizabeth at the end of 1988.

The Changing of the Guard

WELSH-BORN Barry Williams, the new TransDale Parents' Association chairman, and his wife Josephine are parents on a grand scale. They have eight children, the youngest being twins.

Matthew (Rhys), who is in Grade 9 (Std 7) at Dale, is their eldest son and there are three potential Dalians to come. There are also four daughters. The family live in Vorna Valley, Midrand.

Jo is an entertainer (stage name Josephine Jones) and businesswoman. Barry runs a risk management business and has also sung in stage productions in Wales and South Africa.

Jo's business, Masque Productions, produces cabarets, educational plays, life-skills courses and theme evenings. Productions include mock "murder evenings" which have also been staged as fund-raisers for the parents' association.

Although they came from villages in South Wales only 12 miles apart, Barry and Jo did not meet until by chance in South Africa.

Barry, from Abertillery, came to South Africa in 1973. They met ten years later when Jo, from Merthyr Tidfyl, came out as a guest artist for PACT while Barry was singing in the SA Welsh Male Voice Choir. They became friendly when she performed with the choir and were married soon after Jo returned to Wales.

Barry was thrust into the role of acting parents' chairman when last year's chairman, Andrew



NEW CHAIRMAN Barry Williams (second left) with (from left) Eric Huntley, junior vice-chairman, Mary Barnsley, treasurer, Joe Fyfer, vice-chairman, and Wendy Eglinton, secretary. On the extreme right is Mandy Chidgey (recruiting portfolio)

Hunt, and senior vice-chairman, Hugh Friedenstein, withdrew from the committee when their sons left Dale. Former junior vice-chairman Grant Turnbull is spending a large part of his time in East London developing his business.

Barry was elected chairman of the TransDale Parents' Association at the association's annual general meeting in June. Former chairman Joe Fyfer, whose second son Brett started at the college

this year, is the new senior vice-chairman.

Eric Huntley, whose son Jaison started in Grade 10 this year, is junior vice-chairman. Former treasurer Wendy Eglinton is now secretary and still responsible for bus transport.

Mary Barnsley has taken over as treasurer and Mandy Chidgey is responsible for recruiting.

• For the full committee see the inside front cover.

We need Gauteng, head tells parents

"GAUTENG must remain a very important aspect of Dale. We must work to develop this," Headmaster James Haupt has told parents. "We need your support," he said, addressing the TransDale association's annual general meeting in June.

Mr Haupt thanked Gauteng parents for their work and activities during the year, for hosting visiting Dale sporting teams and for help during promotional visits.

"It's wonderful to deal with you as we always get a positive response. Thanks, in particular, for your part in guiding our new boys and new parents through a difficult transitional period in their first year at Dale.

"Sometimes it is the first time the boys have gone away from home." But he predicted: "They'll become very good Dalians as they learn to stand on their own feet."

Mr Haupt appealed to parents to pass on any feedback from their boys on what they were experiencing at the school.

"We welcome your input, be it complaints, criticism or encouragement. If I don't get this it makes my position more difficult."

The Headmaster spoke enthusiastically about the school's progress. "It's like no other school in the country," he said. "No school is as busy as

SOFT MUSIC IN THE CORRIDORS OF DALE

THE Headmaster updated parents about ongoing improvements and innovations at Dale. These included:

- Soft music is to be played in the college corridors.
- A new intercom system will enable announcements to be made to individual classes.
- Campus repairs are being done in-house at less than a third the outsourced cost, with limited work by sub-contractors.
- An extended theatre centre is to be built.

Dale - there is always something going on."

Mr Haupt paid tribute to his committed staff who were prepared to spend time with their pupils and take them on tours etc.

"There's nothing to replace a motivated and committed staff member. I'd rather have fewer if they are committed. Allied to commitment is expertise.

"Our parents have also been fantastic," he said. He paid tribute to the help received from Ian Howell, former Border cricketer, now a provincial umpire, who had devised and evaluated a survey

- The gym is being developed and will soon be the best on the Border. Floors are being sanded and seating increased.
- A new pitch roller for the playing fields has been bought and the cost is being paid off long-term.
- The swimming pool pumps are being repaired at minimum cost by a local parent.
- Two of Joubert House's new ablution blocks have been completed and a third will be finished by the year-end. The squash court floors will soon be repaired.

on boys' views on cricket and other matters at Dale and how to become the top school in this sport.

QUOTE

- I am very proud of our Dalians. We can take our boys anywhere.
- You are the best people to advertise the school. We can't sell it as well as you can.

- Headmaster James Haupt, speaking to Gauteng parents at their AGM.

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A Yank at Dale! *Kyle Ringer tells of his chance of a lifetime*

6 WHAT a super place this town is! I'd like to extend my appreciation to Dale College and the Rotary Club of King William's Town for making this the opportunity of a lifetime! And many thanks to my host families and friends; this is a year that will always be close to my heart.

THAT is how 18-year-old Kyle Ringer sums up his year at Dale as a Rotary Youth Exchange student. Kyle came to King William's Town in July 1999 and flew home to Oregon on America's Pacific coast in May 2000 singing the praises of "this incredible country."

Kyle was raised in Gold Beach, a small rural town with a population of 2 100. His parents, American-born Reed and Hawaiian-born Elnora ("Chubb"), own the local lumber yard and hardware store. He has a brother of 20 and a sister of 16.

Kyle graduated with honours in June 1999 at Gold Beach High School after 13 years of standard education. In his senior year (Grade 12) he was class president (headboy) and was active in student government, a drug and alcohol awareness club and other campus organisations.

At high school he played first team gridiron football for three years, captaining the side for two, and three years of first team baseball, including one year as captain. He also played high school basketball and club volleyball.

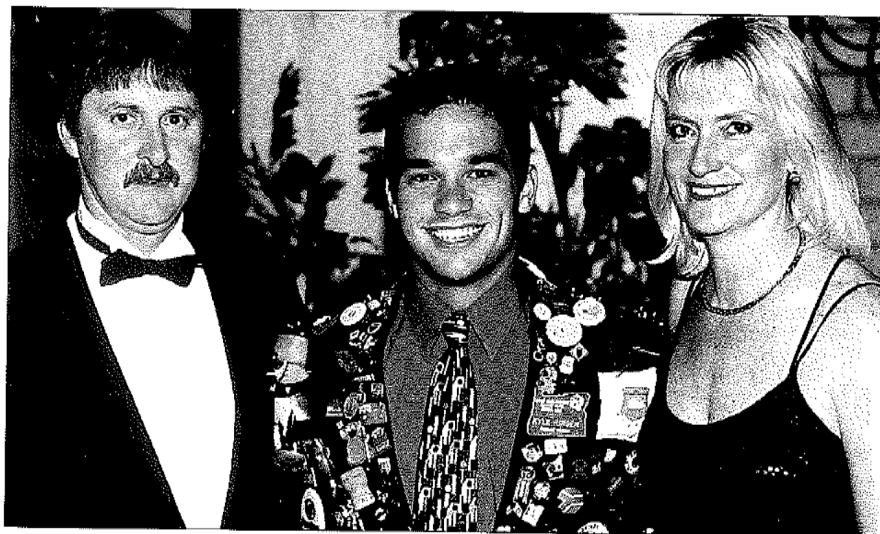
During his three-month American summer vacations he has worked for a touring company. He says he loves playing volleyball, camping, swimming and white-water rafting.

Backed by his local Rotary club and the Oregon district, Kyle was one of 38 American students chosen to fill Rotary exchanges in various parts of the world. He and 12 others were sent to spend a year in the South African District 9320 covering the Eastern Cape, Free State and parts of the Northwest province.

During his stay in King William's Town Kyle was hosted by three Rotarian families. His first hosts, from July to October last year, were Malcolm, Bev, Steven and Robbie Campbell. Malcolm is chairman of the Dale College Governing Body. Steven is in matric at Dale and captains the first hockey team. Old Dalian Robbie, now studying at Rhodes, was Dale's exchange student to Exeter School, England, in 1998.

From November to the end of January Kyle stayed with Dave and Linda Rawlins, their Old Dalian son Luke and daughter Samantha, who is at KHS. His final hosts, from February to May, were Andrew and Lynne Mundell, their son Greg, headboy of Dale in 1995 and Donne, 1998 deputy headgirl of KHS.

After arriving in King William's Town Kyle



BADGES GALORE: Kyle Ringer with hosts Andrew and Lynne Mundell at a Rotary conference in May

entered Grade 11 (Std 9) at Dale in the third term of 1999 and continued on to matric this year.

In the last six months he assisted in the computer lab which, he says, "made my schooldays more constructive than having to attend normal class."

"Dale College is very different from my school in Oregon and many American schools in general. The single-sex environment, school uniforms and traditional standards were totally new concepts to me.

"It's been a real challenge to get used to the new environment but the administration, staff and guys have been extremely supportive and understanding in helping me to adjust from my unorthodox 'American ways'."

"I've really enjoyed learning about rugby, field hockey, cricket and squash. Dale is definitely a school rich in pride and tradition when it comes to sport."

TransDale asked Kyle how Dale's educational standards, teaching methods and discipline compared with what he had been accustomed to in the US.

"I've been taught the same type of material that is taught here," he replied, "but through different methods. At home it seems we're given a broader line of subjects that allow us to 'specialise' in classes that may be of interest or benefit to our future."

There seemed to be more emphasis on independent learning in the US but he was not sure this was necessarily "a better way of educating - just different."

"It's been an education to see how the South African programmes work and I'll go home with a better understanding of the culture because of my exposure at Dale College."

Kyle believes that many South Africans judge American education based on what they see on TV. "In some ways television has depicted our schools' social life accurately but it has also distorted it and made it into quite the 'parade' when it comes to learning."

ON DISCIPLINE: "We may not wear uniforms or follow traditional standards, but American pupils don't differ much from South Africans, in respect towards the staff, sportsmanship and overall conduct in or outside the school walls."

"So please don't think all US students are like those seen on 'Beverly Hills 90210' or other bogus television programmes."

Kyle said he was glad to have been hosted in King because of the exceptional support he received. "My exchange would not have been as successful without the backing of a terrific Rotary club, the school and the community."

"Mr (James) Haupt and the rest of the staff made me feel very welcome from the start and despite all my tours and gallivanting throughout this incredible country I came back to King to open arms and smiles every time."

Kyle's South African tour ended on a sad note. He was due to spend another month in King but cut short his tour to fly home to his critically-ill grandmother's bedside. She died of cancer nine days after his return.

'A fantastic youngster ... he left here another Dalian'

A LARGE group of Rotarians, Rotary Anns, Daliens and other friends gave exchange student Kyle Ringer a rousing send-off at East London Airport on his way home.

"He left here another Dalian; he is a fantastic youngster," said Malcolm Campbell, who with his wife Bev and sons Robbie and Steven were Kyle's first hosts during his stay in King William's Town.

Mr Campbell, a senior Rotarian and chairman of the Dale College Governing Body, told TransDale: "He settled in well in our home as one of our own boys. When he left we felt we

had lost a son and Robbie and Steven a brother.

"He made a lot of friends here. Though he was glad to be going home and to his friends he was sad to say goodbye to his friends here. The friendships he made here will mean a lot to him in time to come."

The Bugle, a King William's Town weekly newspaper, reported: "Kyle was a true ambassador for his country."

He had been well loved by his host parents, members of Rotary and people who came in contact with him, wrote a contributor.

Andrew and Lynne Mundell, who with their

son Greg and daughter Donne, hosted Kyle for the last four months of his South African tour, told TransDale: "He was one of the nicest exchange students we have had the pleasure of hosting at our Rotary club in the town."

"He was very thoughtful, understanding and considerate and never overstepped the mark."

Perhaps this was partly because his family had themselves hosted Rotary exchange students in their home in Gold Beach, Oregon.

"His bedroom was immaculate, but he always left his cupboards open - perhaps to show us how tidy he was."

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A NEW-STYLE prefect system at Dale College is working well. Headmaster James Haupt and his No 2, Mike Eddy, have taken control and radically developed the system.

The prefects now have set goals for their year. They have held two two-day prefect camps and attended exchange visits with other schools. These have improved teamwork and produced new ideas. Discipline has also improved and detentions have dropped.

"Mike Eddy and I feel that the prefects should be run from the top which means our direct involvement," said the Headmaster. "The prefects have direct access to the school's management and are able to obtain quicker and more definite answers and decisions."

At the same time the prefects have felt the need to improve relationships with staff members and are liaising more closely with them.

Explaining the new prefect system, the Headmaster said: "The emphasis has quite subtly moved away from policing to service and building relationships. This has been put in place by the first prefect camp being followed up by another to correct deficiencies and to remain on course."

"The prefects this year have impressed us with their understanding of Dale and what makes the school so exceptional."

The prefects have made two exchange visits to East London schools, Stirling High and Clarendon Girls' High with encouraging results.

"Prefects have come back proud of their school, some with praise for their hosts, and with clear messages on where we can raise our standards and are falling behind. They feel staff-pupil relationships should be improved."

"The oldboy/newboy system needs careful controlling but if the principles as set out by prefects are adhered to we can run it with greater success in the future."

The Headmaster added: "Newboy/oldboy mentoring does take place - perhaps this is an aspect we should explore more fully in the future."

"Orientation has replaced initiation. Pupils caught bullying are dealt with severely and lose their oldboy status or are asked to leave. However, it is always difficult to control all such aspects totally."

GOODBYE TO THE PREFECT 'POLICE'

Discipline is still strict, but accent is now on service

PREFECT GOALS

- To improve discipline
- To improve newboy and oldboy relationships.
- To help newboys - through the induction programme - to understand the system and to be proud to be a vital part of Dale's development.
- To write personal letters of introduction to newboys.
- To maintain spirit and traditions and create new traditions.
- To improve involvement in cultural activities and sport and improve relations with staff members.
- To instil mutual feelings of respect.

"By Reunion pupils have settled in well and there are very few parental complaints about orientation."

The disciplinary code, introduced last year is

stringent. All parents and pupils must read, accept and sign it before enrolment.

Mr Haupt regards the management control aspect of the code as particularly important. It requires teachers "to ensure that teaching proceeds in an orderly fashion, that learners receive quality education in a positive environment."

Teachers' duties and responsibilities, and disciplinary guidelines, including phased forms of detention, are spelt out in detail.

The 13-page code covers conduct and transgression for misconduct, disciplinary powers and procedures, followed by 19 pages of Dale College school rules, listing how contraventions may be dealt with.

Even if "certain acts or omissions" do not directly break the rules, "behaviour unbecoming or not befitting a gentleman" may still be punishable as conduct likely to discredit the school.

Mr Haupt said he was "particularly happy" with the way the code was functioning. This system, together with the newly-introduced staff planner gave him "a good indication of which pupils are presenting problems and should be followed up immediately."

It showed which pupils were having problems with a staff member, those who were "giving everyone trouble," and those who had "problems only with lady teachers ... a new development in discipline of late."

In the staff planner teachers record how each period is spent and list those pupils who should be commended or regarded as "problem pupils."

The Headmaster said the Governing Body Disciplinary Committee sat regularly under chairman Russell Grigg and efficiently dealt with serious cases of misconduct. "This is a relief to me," he added.

• Headboy Francois Vermaak and his deputy, Thando Gobe, have represented Dalians on the Governing Body this year. Gautenger Vuyo Sishuba is a school prefect.

MISSION STATEMENT

- Through total involvement we aim to make Dale an enjoyable environment.
- By setting standards we will strive to make Dale and the community of King William's Town a winning team and a rewarding place.

THE PERFECT GUEST...

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"He hated tuna, peas, fruit juice with fruit cells in it, dirty tackies and soil marks on his long pants."

"But he loved long, long showers. Pancakes had to be crisp on the outside and soft on the inside. He loved our squash and pumpkin and he was a pleasure to have in our home."

Although keen on sport and outdoor activities in America, Kyle became more involved in community service in King William's Town. He arranged a R50 000 grant from his Rotary branch in Oregon to St Patrick's School for the Mentally Disabled children in Ginsberg township.

In a letter to the Rotary District Governor, Andrew Mundell, who was then president of the local club, said Kyle had been an exemplary exchange student in all facets of Rotary life.

He went out to St Patrick's every Wednesday and helped the principal wherever possible. He organised the making of Christmas crackers, which he handed out to each child at the Christmas party.

Much to the delight of the senior citizens, he joined in exercise classes at Kingsholme, an old folks' home, and accompanied Rotary Anns on trips to deliver food to the Dimbaza Society for the Aged.

His presence at bingo evenings added "a touch of excitement among the oldies to whom he chatted."

At school he was Master of Ceremonies at a



FAMILY VISIT: (From left) Kyle, Lynne Mundell, Kyle's parents Elnora ("Chubb") and Reed Ringer, grandfather Bernard Kea (from Hawaii) and Rotary president Andrew Mundell at his club's 50th charter dinner

successful "Mr Dale" pageant.

Kyle's South African visit included tours to Lesotho, Johannesburg, Sun City, the Garden Route, Cape Town, Swaziland and a game reserve in Mpumalanga.

Earlier this year Kyle's parents and his Hawaiian grandfather, Bernard Kea, visited him in King William's Town and spent three weeks touring South Africa. He visited Zimbabwe with them.

In February, Kyle accompanied Dale teacher Zane Hagemann, sports manager Marco van Zyl

and two other Dalians to Midrand for a school and varsity promotional expo.

Towards the end of his stay he joined District 9320 Rotarians at a conference at Potchefstroom. He was one of two exchange students chosen to speak for those spending a year in the district.

Back at home in Oregon, Kyle found difficulty initially in re-adapting to his hometown environment. In just a year many things had changed, he told the Mundells.

Gold Beach, Oreg., was a far cry from King William's Town, EC.

SPECIAL REPORT

Linley Middleton tells of Navy flying career and key role in Falklands War

From 'obscure' Dalian to famous admiral

IN his own modest view, Linley Middleton achieved comparatively "very little" as a boy at Dale College. He was, however, a first team swimmer for two years. In his matric year, 1946, he was a member of the relay team that won the Athlone Shield.

A friend and ex-colleague described him as "a quiet boy; one of those who wandered through school. One hardly knew they were there. Another said: 'He did not stand out.'"

Yet, after leaving school, Linley earned his wings in the South African Air Force. Then, after joining the Royal Navy, he rose to become commander of its flagship in the Falklands War, head of the Fleet Air Arm and aide-de-camp to the Queen.

Now, in an extensive interview with TransDale, Rear Admiral L E Middleton, CB, DSO (Retired), has told of his undistinguished six years at Dale and the distinguished naval flying career that followed.

In cool, matter-of-fact language, he tells a remarkable, if self-effacing, story of his role as a jet pilot and later commander of squadrons and ships in post-World War II naval campaigns across the world. These ranged from the 1956 Suez crisis to the Aden mini-war and evacuation and finally the 1982 Falklands War.

Most of his service at sea was aboard aircraft carriers. But one of his "more pleasurable and most frightening" experiences occurred when captaining a frigate, following the romantic path of Captain Cook across the Pacific and braving iceberg-ridden seas in the North Atlantic.

He regards the high point of his career as the carrier *Hermes's* triumphant return to Portsmouth to be greeted by 250 000 people and "an enormous number of small boats" after Britain achieved victory in the Falklands War.

Perhaps Dale College can claim some credit for Linley Middleton's success.

"Boarding school life is the finest preparation for life in the (armed) services," he said. "On basic training the fresh-from-under-the-mother's-wing guy was always the first to crack."

Both his father and brother Jack were educated at Dale. "I thoroughly enjoyed my time there (1941-46). I did most of what everyone else seemed to do, with a conspicuous lack of success," he said. "I achieved very little, comparatively speaking."

"At schoolwork I tried to do just enough to stay out of trouble, which I failed to do. Balletjie Hall (who headed the primary school and the college cadets) used to cane me so often that he looked on me as a member of his family. He invariably invited me to lunch or to stay when we were required to vacate our boarding houses to make room for visitors when they arrived in numbers for rugby fixtures."

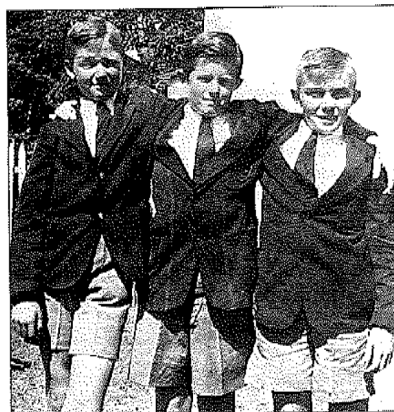
Throughout his schooling Linley came about seventh or eight in class. "It was better than I deserved," he said.

(Years later at ground school and in naval academic and professional subjects he was usually top of



Commander Linley Middleton aboard the frigate *Whitby* (1970)

— a Royal Navy Public Relations photograph



SCHOOLDAYS ... at College House, Dale College, in the '40s (from left): (the late) John Marren, Linley (Toodie) Middleton and Ronald (Jap) Maclean

FLYING HIGH: Rear Admiral Middleton, Flag Officer, Naval Air Command (1987)



the class. No doubt the motivation was there then.)

Nicknamed "Toodie" at Dale, he wasn't a prefect, nor even a house prefect, even though he had been at Frank Joubert longer than most. In matric he was not given a study.

While maintaining that his attitude at school was "in no way belligerent or anti-establishment," Linley says: "I assessed at the time that the powers that be considered that I lacked the qualities of character and leadership to carry out these responsibilities."

The powers that be, he believes, "saw me as a late-developer or perhaps as somewhat immature, a no-hoper."

"Inevitably one adapts to the pattern expect-

ed of one. I found it convenient to be somewhat obscure."

(Though Linley would be loath to say so, the powers that be clearly under-estimated his potential.)

Swimming came "most naturally" to Linley. He enjoyed playing rugby though he never went higher than the third team. Yet, after leaving school, he "must have improved almost overnight." He went straight into the Wanderers Under 19A team in Johannesburg and played for the first team occasionally. He played later for the Royal Navy.

In his latter school years Linley's best friend was John Marren (who died suddenly in May — see Page 44).

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SPECIAL REPORT



STIRRING the Christmas pudding aboard Whitby: Pam Middleton, with husband looking on



IN THE COCKPIT of a Buccaneer strike aircraft: Lieut-Commander Middleton (1966)
— a Royal Navy official photograph

SAAF wanted him back but he said no thanks

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"We were in the same dormitory from 'kids down' onwards. We were both Presbyterians and smoked behind the church. We enjoyed swimming and spent most Sundays at Kwa Mqakwebe (near Izeli, north of King), where I kept hidden a canoe I had bought from a dayboy for two shillings.

"Made from a sheet of corrugated iron, the canoe wasn't much, but John later observed that it gave me the right grounding to become captain of an aircraft carrier. In his words, 'from small beginnings ...'."

Linley's ambition had always been to join the Navy. But this preference was disregarded when he was called up for national service at home in Johannesburg after leaving school. There was no sea in the Transvaal.

After being posted to the Army, however, he was accepted for training as a pilot in the South African Air Force. An Old Dalian, Brian Hurn (matric class 1949), was in the guard of honour at the parade when he received his wings.

Linley joined the Royal Navy in 1952 as a cadet and after basic training as an officer qualified as a frontline pilot and served for 15 years flying from aircraft carriers. He rose from sub-lieutenant to lieutenant, to lieutenant-commander, commander, captain and, after the Falklands War, rear admiral.

From piston-engined Seafires and Seafuries he moved to Vampire and Seahawk conventional jets and to supersonic fighters and strike aircraft (Scimitars, Buccaneers and Phantoms). In 1957, as he describes it, he "joined the 1 000 mph club" (by flying aircraft at that speed).

While he was second in command of a Buccaneer squadron the SAAF, which had decided to buy the aircraft, invited him to rejoin them as an army-rank captain, but he declined. Then a lieutenant-commander, he found the offer "not very tempting."

During the Suez campaign Linley carried out fighter and strike sorties, was injured in an acci-

The Navy's Milky Way

AS Lieutenant Middleton, Fleet Air Arm, Linley spoke at the Dale Junior School in 1960. The school was still part of Dale College and headed by Tom Higgs, who had been in Linley's matric class in 1946.

Linley, then serving in the Royal Navy's newest aircraft carrier, *Victorious*, told the boys how once, when he was lying in the sick bay after a "prang" — he had had nine — he asked for a glass of milk.

The Dale Magazine of that year reported: At the time the carrier was at sea in the Mediterranean and there was no milk on board.

A plane was immediately dispatched for Malta and two hours later he was handed a pint of milk and a glass. "This," he said, "was probably the only pint of milk that has ever cost the Royal Navy hundreds of pounds."

dent and was sent to the frigate *Mounts Bay* on the South African/South American station to recuperate. He found this intensive spell concentrating on naval skills in a small ship "of immeasurable benefit."

"Using accumulated leave I was able to go home (to SA) for the first time in more than five years. My father was taken by surprise and had trouble recalling my name," said Linley.

"In the 1950s I spent four Christmases out of five away from the UK policing some drama or other. Luckily I wasn't married, but I was saved more than once from a fate worse than death by service-enforced absences."

Eventually, after commanding Buccaneer squadrons (and instructing at the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth) Linley was promoted to commander while serving in the aircraft carrier *Hermes* at Aden in 1966. This effectively ended his operational flying career.

"My relief as CO of 809 Squadron arrived at Aden in the midst of a mini war and I left the

ship as a matter of courtesy. This was a big mistake because the evacuation of Aden was like a shipwreck — woman and children first. Eventually I got a civilian flight to East Africa."

He phoned his wife Pamela, whom he had married in the UK after meeting at a ball and later in the South of France. She joined him in South Africa, her first visit.

Linley's first sea command came as captain of the frigate *Whitby*, which he describes as "one of the more pleasurable and on occasions one of the most frightening times of my career."

"I took the ship to Singapore, to Australia twice — tracing Captain Cook's voyages of 200 years before — through the Great Barrier Reef to the New Hebrides, to Fiji, Nuka Alofa, Pango Pango, Hawaii, San Diego, Acapulco, Panama, Bermuda, the Azores, the town of Whitby and other UK adventures.

"Then things got tough: the Orkneys, Iceland and Greenland — where at one time there were more than 100 icebergs within ten miles of the ship.

"It was dark 80 per cent of the time and there were no navigational aids. The ocean current ran at five knots and icebergs tore their way through the pack ice with the ease of a snowplough."

Later, with the rank of captain, he commanded a frigate squadron consisting of a variety of ships — "not much fun and hard work" — and served as chief staff officer of the British admiral commanding the RN element of the NATO Atlantic Striking Fleet.

As Director of Naval Air Warfare in the Defence Ministry he "was lucky enough to purchase most of the aircraft that were to prove so valuable during the Falklands campaign." This followed in 1982. (See page 13.)

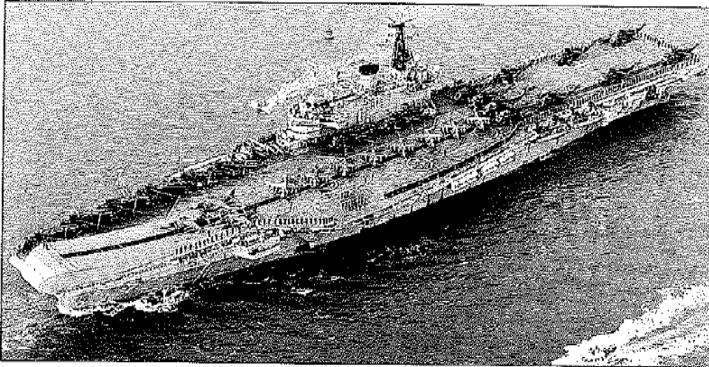
For his "gallant and distinguished" service in the Falklands, Captain Middleton was awarded the DSO (Distinguished Service Order). The citation described *Hermes* as "the lynchpin of the entire operation" and said her "resounding

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FALKLANDS-BOUND

... then the triumphant return



BON VOYAGE! The carrier *Hermes* leaves Portsmouth for the Falklands with Captain Linley Middleton in command (April 1982)



WELCOME HOME! Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher with Captain Middleton (July 1982)

I was fortunate The high point of my career

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success owed enormous credit to the leadership and courage of her commanding officer. Professionally among the best, his advice and expertise on aviation matters was particularly valuable and he bore the responsibility of being flag captain with humour, resilience and compassion."

In 1987 he served as aide-de-camp to the Queen. "I believe that sometimes she has an Australian, New Zealand or Canadian. I was fortunate to be selected," he commented. He was later also made a CB (Companion of the Order of the Bath).

On leaving *Hermes* after the war he was promoted to Rear Admiral and became in turn Assistant Chief of Staff in the Ministry of Defence, Flag Officer Naval Air Command and Commander-in-Chief of the Fleet Air Arm.

After retirement Linley became chief executive and managing director of British International Helicopters, the helicopter arm of British Airways before BA went public. ("I was lucky enough to fall into the slot," he says.)

Five years later he "retired permanently" to his home at Spey House, Grayswood, Haslemere, Surrey.

He and Pamela used to visit South Africa almost every year but less often now. He last spoke at Dale in 1960. On their latest visit to SA in 1999 he and Pamela lunched in Cape Town with old friends, John and Joan Marren, Tom and Mary Higgs and Wallace and Gerda van Zyl.

"It was the first leg of a trip around the world. I tried to reproduce for Pamela the voyage I had had on HMS *Whitby*, except this time it was by air."

THE Suez campaign of 1956 was called "the last colonial war," said Rear Admiral Linley Middleton. "Who would have guessed that we would fight another 26 years later in the Falklands, with some in between!"

The man who commanded the aircraft carrier *Hermes* gave *TransDale* this first-hand account of the flagship's role in the conflict:

"*Hermes* was the co-ordinating ship in practically all naval and air events in the campaign. Stores and vital spare parts arrived in *Hermes* and were then distributed to their destination.

"Apart from providing the bulk of the air defence with her Sea Harriers she also provided the entire air support for ground forces. Ships with fewer facilities were given engineering support. Mail was delivered throughout the task group and mostly to troops ashore.

"Air superiority was achieved in a relative short time. Out-numbered ten to one by enemy combat aircraft the Sea Harriers shot down twice their number of enemy aircraft.

"The Argentinians managed to get through to the task group several times with some success but at great cost. Five Exocet missiles were fired at the carriers, four at *Hermes* and one at *Invincible*. One of the missiles fired at *Hermes* turned in on HMS *Sheffield* - she was hit, burned and sank.

"Another missile at the same time was seduced and fell into the sea and two further Exocet missiles hit *Atlantic Conveyor* causing her to burn and sink. The missile fired at *Invincible* was also seduced by deception.

"Of the original 13 escorts that accompanied

the carriers (many escorts joined later) 12 were either damaged or sunk.

"The high point of my career was *Hermes*'s return to Portsmouth, where 250 000 people lined the shore; we were met by an enormous number of small boats and escorted into harbour.

"To add to the ambience saluting guns were firing and, best of all, my family were there to meet me, except for my eldest son Ray, who had joined the RN and was with us in the Falklands as a helicopter pilot in HMS *Broadsword*.

Linley speaks with noticeable pride of the *Broadsword*'s (and his son's) role in the conflict:

"*Broadsword* was *Hermes*'s goalkeeper. It was her duty to place herself between *Hermes* and the threat to take on any incoming missile. It is not as gruesome as it sounds because she had a sophisticated and effective missile system capable of shooting down a shell.

"Once when four Sky Raiders (US-built attack jets) belonging to an Argentinian carrier attacked, *Broadsword* shot all four down in less than ten seconds."

"During the war an unexploded 1 000 lb bomb hit the sea shore of *Broadsword*, bounced (ducks and drakes), went through the side going upwards and went through Ray's aircraft on the flight deck, demolishing it.

"Three years later when I was commanding the Fleet Air Arm, I presented Ray - as a 21st birthday present - a progression of photographs of the repair of his aircraft - from wreckage to being airborne again - which had taken place at a factory under my command."

THE Royal Navy has had a busy time since World War II, which some still call "the last war," a description that causes Linley Middleton "to smother a smile."

Rear Admiral Middleton points out with some authority: "Without doubt it was the big one. However ... there have been 75 conflicts since, in which British forces have been either wounded or killed. The Royal Navy and their infantry, the Royal Marines, have been at most of them.

"In the 55 years since WWII, the longest period without British involvement in some conflict or other has been nine months. That was in 1968!"

Paying tribute to the "large number of naval aviators killed in the '50s and '60s," Linley told *TransDale*: "The attrition rate was severe. I can think of two women who lost three husbands/fiancés ..."

Some people were not as lucky as I

As technology improved aircraft became more reliable. "Perhaps the most significant contribution to a reduction of the accident rate was the advent of twin-engine carrier aircraft.

"I experienced engine failures in at least double figures in twin-engine aircraft, but the other engine brought me home."

Flying single-engine Sea Hawks, he was rescued three times from the sea by helicopters after encountering emergency situations: once when he was forced to eject and once when the aircraft caught fire while being launched by catapult.

He ditched the aircraft, extricated himself under water and was picked up unconscious. The third occurred after the catapult failed.

On two other occasions he diverted and made successful forced landings on a shore runway.

"Some people were not as lucky as I was and did not get a second chance," said Linley.

After testing pilots during the Vietnam War, the US Navy found that their most stressful period was not while over the target, or under fire, or illuminated by missile radar, but when they were half a mile from the aircraft carrier on final approach at night.

Quoting a surviving friend, Linley concluded: "Unless you have landed a 20-ton aircraft on a pitching deck, at night, in the pissing rain, having recently been shot at, you just haven't lived."

Start them at Dale Junior young!

say school heads and parents who did

WHAT is the ideal age to send a son to Dale as a boarder? This question was asked by a mother at the TransDale Parents' Association's annual general meeting.

"About 10 or 11 in Grade 5," replied Dale Junior teacher Chris Groom. James Haupt, Headmaster of Dale College, agreed. "We reap the benefit of getting boys from Dale Junior," he said. "They sail through, having had the benefit of an exceptional education system."

The Headmaster told parents: "We'd like to have many more Gauteng boys coming through Dale Junior to the college. If you can send your son to Dale earlier, please do."

Two Old Dalians who have sons at Dale Junior are Grant Turnbull (1975) and David Sephton-Poultney (1965). Grant is junior vice-president of the Old Dalian Union. Dave is chairman of the Johannesburg branch of the ODU.

• David went to Dale as a boarder at age ten in Std 3 (now Grade 5). This year he sent his 11-year-old son Michael to Dale Junior in Grade 6 – and he says: "It's worked out fine."

He believes that the best time for a boy to go as a boarder is around that age and grade – and perhaps even a year younger.

"This gives a boy time to settle down and play a full role in his last year at the junior school. Anything older than 11 is too late. For Michael it's been a good experience – worthwhile because of the good management at the school."

• Grant's son, David, is in Grade 7 (Std 5) after starting in Grade 3 at nine while living in East London. He feels that the best stage is in Grade 6. This would allow him to spend two years at DV Taylor House, where he would be well looked after in excellent conditions, he said.

He would arrive at high school ready to take on a more senior situation allowing him more freedom at a hostel. The step-up would not be as difficult as that facing a boy coming straight into Grade 8 from a day school. Even spending just one year at Dale Junior would be preferable and not too late to be considered as a prefect there.

• Graeme Eglinton, 14, son of Steve and Wendy Eglinton of Alberton, is in Grade 7 at Dale Junior, having started in Grade 6.

Wendy, who is secretary of the TransDale Parents' Association, said Headmaster Mike Hosty had recommended this as the optimal year to start. It had proved to be the correct choice for various reasons.

"Whenever a child leaves his home, whether at this young age or after matric, it is a very



DALE JUNIOR parents Rose Sephton-Poultney (left), her husband David (right) and Wendy Eglinton with head of department Chris Groom • **Picture: KEVIN WHITEHEAD**

emotional time and it takes time to adjust," she told TransDale.

Having a year at Dale Junior without the pressure of Grade 7 and the thought of high school the next year gave Graeme time to adjust and settle into a traditional boarding school environment. This was very different from going to a day school.

"It left him free to enjoy his final year as a junior boy which is made into a very special year at Dale Junior by the staff. Although we have not yet crossed the high-school bridge with him, I firmly believe that the transition into Dale College will be a lot easier than if he had started in Grade 8.

"Many of the friends he made in Dale Junior will be there joining Dale College with him. The emotional ties with home will have to be addressed; he knows what is expected of him as a boarder. This only then leaves him to get to know the college system. And of course he knows the rugby songs (a big advantage)."

Should he or his brother have started earlier than they did? (Matthew began at the college in Grade 8.) "If either wanted to start in Grade 5 I would let them. Before then? I don't think so. You need time to build a relationship with your son and it's not easy parenting from afar. At the same time, no regrets."

• One of Gauteng's top achievers in recent years has been Morgan Tinline, who entered Dale Junior at age 12 in Grade 7 and has performed well both in academics and sport. (See The Achievers – Page 26.) He is now in Grade 11.

Morgan's mother, Rusty Tinline, now agrees with Chris Groom that the best age for a boy to go to Dale as a boarder is about ten at Grade 5.

Morgan passed Grade 7 with an A, but stayed back an extra year as Rusty felt he would then be more mature to go on to the college. She now feels she could well have sent him to Dale Junior earlier.

"It's much better to go to Dale Junior first," she said. "They start knowing the seniors earlier and it's not such an emotional change."

• Helen Linkerman's son, Terence Lowe, is now in Grade 8 (Std 6) at the college after a year in Grade 7 at Dale Junior. She feels that boys going to high school should do the same. It had given Terence a chance to mature and grow – "It's the best decision I have ever made." Terence is doing well at the college. (See The Achievers – Page 26.)

• Ashley Bradbury, 11, is another Gauteng boy who has settled down well at Dale Junior. He is now in Grade 6 in his third year, having started midyear 1998 in Grade 4. He played rugby for Border Under 12s this year.

NEVER TOO LATE

IT'S better to send your son to Dale Junior in Grade 5 to 6 – but even Grade 10 at the college is not too late. So says Eric Huntley of Springs, whose son Jaison, 15, started in that grade this year. Jaison has settled down very well, although he had never before been away from home for more than two weeks.

TAYLOR HOUSE remains the hub of Dale Junior, with its 60 boarders close to the school's facilities and activities, head of department Chris Groom told Gauteng parents.

Mr Groom deputised for Headmaster Mike Hosty at the annual general meeting of the TransDale Parents' Association in June. Mr Hosty was attending an educational conference in Queenstown.

(Mr Groom showed his dedication to Dale Junior when he returned to the school in 1998 after a brief sojourn teaching in New Zealand – see TransDale 1999).

He told parents: "Taylor House is one of the top boarding schools in the country. We will never cease in our efforts to provide a home from home where your son feels safe and loved."

"Living in the grounds and actively involved in hostel affairs are 11 dedicated staff members. This ensures that your sons receive the best care possible."

"Their academic progress is constantly monitored. Where problems arise they are dealt with."

"During prep, boarders are allowed to use the computer lab, and media centre. Discipline remains strict but fair. We will never allow our standards to drop."

Boarders, he said, went on weekend outings to

TAYLOR HOUSE: A safe home from home

local farms, dams and beaches.

The school continued to provide excellent academic education. "The staff has remained constant over the past few years allowing them to ensure that the school's traditions and ethos grew from strength to strength."

Finances had been strictly controlled and the school's financial position was very healthy and the grounds and facilities were looking wonderful. Redeployment had not affected the school. The one teacher redeployed had been replaced by a governing body appointment.

Developments included:

- An entertainment centre/braai area had been completed at the sports fields and the tuckshop was being enlarged "to feed our hungry boys."
- Quotes were being obtained to upgrade the computer lab.
- The audio-visual centre seating 80 people was up and running and boarders were enjoying watching rugby on the big screen.

- Class numbers remained around 30 pupils.
- A Xhosa teacher, Lindelo Ganqa, had been appointed.
- Forty boys, including six boarders, received academic awards in recent exams.
- A hobbies period, including golf and dam visits, had been introduced this year. This had proved very popular with the boys.

Mr Groom said sport and cultural activities were carefully monitored to ensure that all boys took part.

The senior tennis team had won all their matches against East London schools. Hockey was a growing sport.

Three hockey players were in action in a provincial tournament in Bloemfontein. Two squash players had received provincial colours.

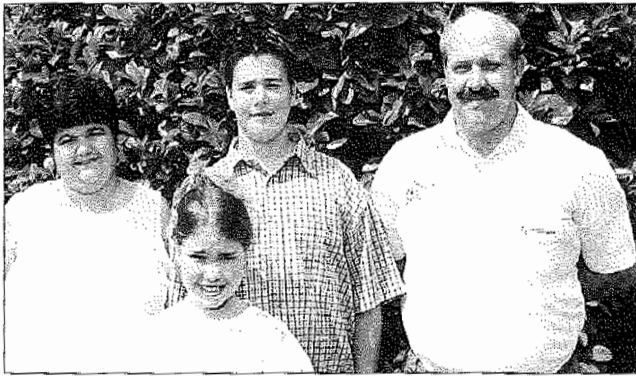
On the cultural front, boys had had great fun in inter-house plays and many other activities were well supported.

• See Simply the best – Page 32.

QUOTE

On Curriculum 2005: "We took what is good and we threw out what was not." – Chris Groom

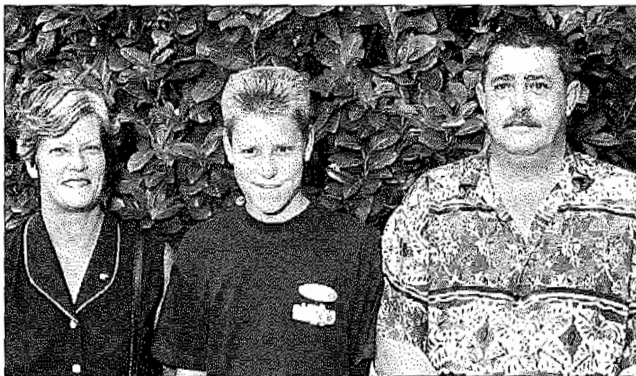
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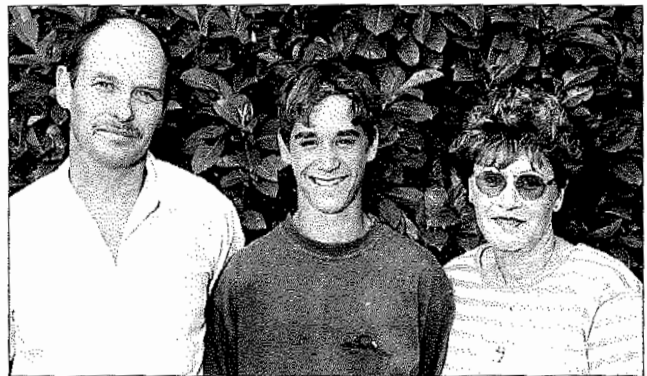
SPRINGS: Jaison Huntley with his mother Nadine, father Eric and sister Charleen. Jaison is in Grade 10 at Dale after completing Grade 9 at Springs Boys' High



CENTURION: Tebogo Moromane and her son Modise, who is in Grade 8 at Dale



ROODEKRANS: Benjamin Krause, from Boskop Primary, with his mother Denise and father Ray. Benjamin is in Grade 8



KEMPTON PARK: Brett Fyfer with his parents Joe and Pat. Formerly of Aston Manor Primary, Brett is now in Grade 8 at Dale

UPBEAT reports on the state of Dale College and Dale Junior were given by both headmasters to new Dale boarders and their parents at a welcoming braai in Gauteng.

• "Dale is becoming a bigger force in education in the Eastern Cape and South Africa," said James Haupt of the college. "Every year

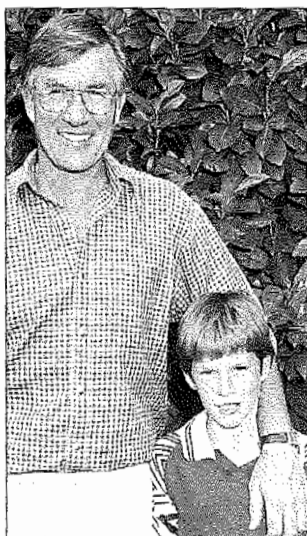
we are beating the opposition. We are at the top in almost every sphere. We are well set for the new millennium."

Academic performance was improving. There had been a remarkable rise in every grade and those who had repeated a year had benefited. Most classes had under 30 pupils and few more than 30.

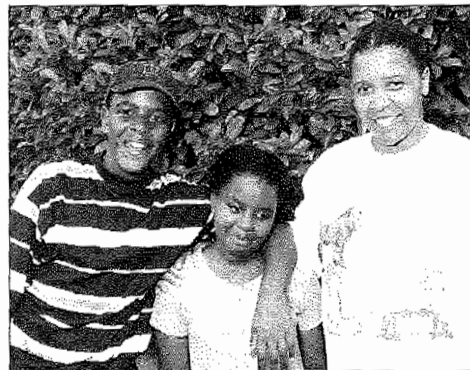
• Mike Hosty said Dale Junior was "the finest primary school in the country."

We have an incredible stability in staff who see their work at Dale as a calling. We are strong in every sphere of activity."

Although one of the smallest schools, Dale Junior had dominated



JOHANNESBURG: Michael Sephton-Poultney with his father Dave, of Linden. Michael is in Grade 7 at Dale Junior



BOKSBURG: Zolani Kunene, from Freeway Park Primary, with his mother Winnie and sister Nonhlanhla. He is in Grade 8 at Dale



RANDBURG: Christopher Duncan, formerly of Robin Hills Primary, Randburg, with his mother Judy. He is in Grade 8 at Dale

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bigger schools. It was strong financially and in sport. "Our boys believe they belong to something incredible."

The braai was held last December at the home of Steven and Wendy Eglinton, who have two sons at Dale and are committee members of the TransDale Parents' Association. Wendy, formerly treasurer, is now the association's secretary.

New parents met association committee members and other parents and the boys mingled with

Dalians just returned for the summer holidays.

Among the newboys entering Dale Junior this year was Michael Sephton-Poultney, son of Dave and Rose Sephton-Poultney. Dave, who was deputy headboy of Dale in his matric year of 1965, is chairman of the Johannesburg branch of the Old Dalian Union.

Dale College newboys included Brett Fyfer, second son of Joe and Fyfer, whose eldest son Jason matriculated at Dale in 1998. Joe is a former chairman of the TransDale Parents' Association and Pat was secretary. He was elected vice-chairman at this year's annual general meeting.



PARTY TIME: Rob Voerman, Kim Copland, Bruce Mitchell and Kevin Schroeder



OLD SCHOOL TIE: Laurence Beadon, Hylton Turnbull, Jack Trevena and Roy Seeneey

Back with a bang! The Dalians of the '70s with the record-breaking '75 rugby team

THE LIVELIEST group of returning Old Dalians to Reunion 2000 were from the 1970s – including most of the 1975 first rugby team, some first team cricketers of that year and a jolly party flown in from Gauteng.

More than 30 from this remarkable decade of Dale history made it back for a weekend of celebration and renewal of old camaraderie. One came from Canada, one from Malawi and the rest from far and wide in South Africa.

Their return was due largely to the efforts of Grant Turnbull, First XV prop forward in his matric year of 1975, and enthusiastic Gauteng Old Dalian Kim Copland (1977), who booked a dozen fellow ODs on cut-rate air flights to East London and back.

Grant, whose life is divided between Gauteng and East London in building up a financial service business, is the new junior vice-president of the ODU.

Billy Rowles, Headmaster of Dale till 1977, was at the Reunion opening to greet the 1975 rugby side and other returning '70s matrics.

The '70s era was a decade when a growing number of boys from the old Transvaal went to Dale as boarders and when the Transvaal Parents' Association and its magazine, *TransDale*, were born. Witbank contributed sufficient Dalians for parents to form their own branch.

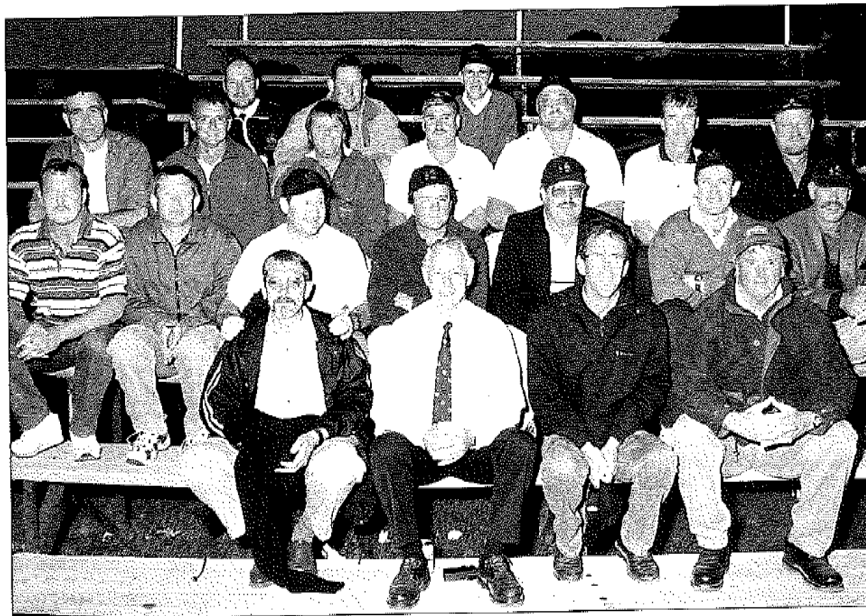
Those were the days when Transvaal Dalians crossed the Vaal and Orange Rivers eight times a year as they travelled by train to school and back.

For Dale rugby, 1975 was a glorious season in which the First XV won 19 of its 24 games and scored what was then a record total of 484 points. It was described in the *King William's Town Mercury* as "the best team the school has ever fielded that has not achieved an unbeaten record."

Said the *Mercury*: "Behind this success story is the enthusiasm, dedication and rugby know-how of the man who coached Dale's 1975 team, Mr R Hilton-Green."

Midge, as he is popularly known, was back this year to relive past rugby triumphs in a nostalgic get-together with his loyal team and other '70s Dalians. It was his first Reunion visit since he left Dale in 1979. After a spell at Kingswood Preparatory School he is now headmaster of Bishops Prep, Cape Town.

In his report on the season for the 1975 Dale



RETURNING 1975 rugby first-teamers. Back row (from left): Ted Phillips, Vaughan Fetting, Leon Petzer. Second: Malcolm Gordon, Ray Ranger (captain), David Eyre, Kevin Ranger, Stephen Cockcroft, Brian Gibson, Harry Voerman. Third: Roy Smith, Neil McCune, George Kolbe, Billy Rapson, Grant Turnbull, John Thompson, Neil Crossey. Front: Basil Birch (teacher/tour driver), Midge Hilton-Green (coach), Michael Daniel, John Page (driver).

College Magazine, Midge wrote: "Statistically the side has broken many records and will go down in history as one of Dale's greatest teams."

"It has been a pleasure to handle this side both on and off the field. Their tremendous team spirit, determination, discipline and will to win produced rugby that will be talked about for years to come."

Midge described the team's "never-to-be-forgotten" tour of Natal, the Transvaal and Rhodesia as "the most strenuous tour in Dale's history. They played eight games in 20 days and ran out winners all the way with 189 points against their opponents' 31."

Everywhere they went – in Natal, Johannesburg and Rhodesia – the tourists were hosted and feted by parents and Old Dalians.

Parents, staff and Old Dalians, including Gerald St Eger Daines of Johannesburg, ODU national president, helped out as drivers on this arduous tour. Two of them, former teacher

Basil Birch and 1966 Old Dalian John Page, were at the Reunion.

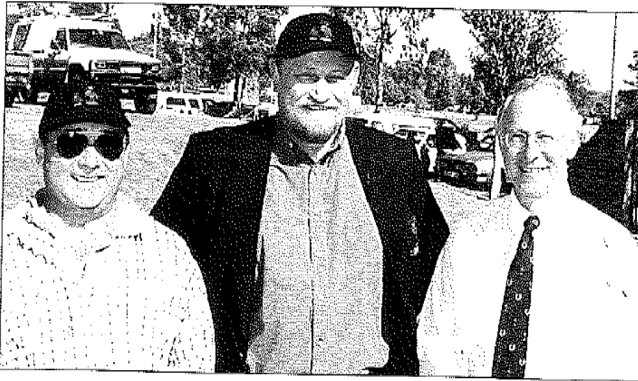
Dave and Tessa Turnbull, Harry and Ruth Voerman and Ted and Shirley Crossey, co-founders of the Transvaal Parents' Association, joined their sons and the other tourists for part of the Rhodesian tour.

Back after 25 years for a memorable Reunion 2000 were the 1975 captain and No 8, Ray Ranger, fullback Michael Daniel, threequarters Kevin Ranger (vice-captain), David Eyre, Bryan Gibson and Leon Petzer, flyhalf Roy Smith, scrumhalf Ted Phillips, flanker Malcolm Gordon, front rankers George Kolbe (from Canada) and Grant Turnbull, hooker Billy Rapson, locks Harry Voerman and Stephen Cockcroft, No 8 John Thompson and lock/flank Neil Crossey.

Others included Vaughan Fetting and Neil McCune, who played occasional games and went on tour.

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RUGBY COACH Midge Hilton-Green (right) with 1970s pupils Gordon McCune and Harry Voerman



WIVES, TOO: Back: Billy Rapson and Lesley Turnbull. Front: Michelle and Gary Hayden, Grant Turnbull, Neil Crossey

FANTASTIC! That's how returning 1975 first team rugby players described their 2000 Reunion weekend.

So says Grant Turnbull, who spent many hours over three months rounding up fellow team-mates – and some cricketers of that year – to attend the Reunion.

Eighteen of those who played for the First XV during an outstanding season made it back – a "major achievement," said Grant.

Some had to be tracked down. Bill Rapson, "lost for 25 years," was eventually found in

A weekend to remember

Klerksdorp. Many had not met since leaving school.

"We could have put together a whole rugby team," Grant told TransDale. But unlike the 1964 team who returned in 1984, the '75s did not take the field. They had been out of school and rugby for too long.

Apart from attending the organised Reunion functions, the "veterans" had a memorable get-together at the Grosvenor Lodge on Friday. On Saturday night,

after the rugby, the party went on long after midnight with Midge Hilton-Green and Basil Birch joining their former pupils.

Highlights? "Just the fact that we got all the guys together and had a tremendous time," said Grant. The rugby was excellent, and the guys were also impressed by the Dale Junior first team.

Grant felt that the weekend, which ran smoothly, had brought "a lot of good publicity" for the school. Old Dalians had left with

positive impressions which dispelled certain previous negative perceptions. Some were interested in sending sons as boarders to Dale.

• Midge Hilton-Green wrote personal letters to his pupil contemporaries, recalling precise details of their celebrations and thanking them for being there.

• Those who could not make the trip included cricketer Steven Axcell, who is in the United States, and rugby players Lance Craven (now in France), Russell Morgan, Brian Eyre and Patrick Campbell, also a first team cricketer.

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Harry Voerman is managing director of a leading music production company in Sandton, Malcolm Gordon, who was awarded honours and captained the team on tour and on other occasions in Ray Ranger's absence, is an architect in Johannesburg.

Billy Rapson and Neil Crossey joined the party of '70s Old Dalians who flew from Johannesburg to attend the Reunion. Billy, who also represented Dale's first team in cross country and athletics, owns a mining supply business in Klerksdorp. Neil, who lives in Pretoria, is a commercial pilot for a private air charter company.

Martin Sheard, 1974 rugby captain and first team cricketer, was a last-minute arrival from the Cape on the Friday night. Two other Capetonians, David Eyre and Kevin Ranger, flew in earlier. Leon Petzer came from Port Elizabeth and several from the Border.

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ADDING to the throng of 1970s Old Dalians were those honoured with other former head-boys and deputy heads at the Reunion.

They included Rhys Davies (1974) from Malawi, Jack Trevena (1972) from Johannesburg, Robert Rayment (1973) and Peter Meyer (1976) from East London, Roy Seeney (1971) from Humansdorp, Laurence Beadon (1973) from Welkom, and (already mentioned above) 1975 rugby players Stephen Cockcroft and Ray Ranger.

Rising Gauteng Old Dalian business and professional men, who joined the flying party, some of them with their wives, included:

• David Ellwood (1977) Dale first team water-polo player, now co-owner and managing director of an international commodity trading company based in Epsom Downs, Sandton.
• Robbie Voerman (1976), managing director of an aluminium anodising business and of a picture-framing equipment and accessory firm.

SO MANY SAW SO MANY FROM SO LONG AGO ...

KIM COPLAND (1977), who organised the "Flying '70s" party of Gauteng Old Dalians to Reunion told TransDale that for him the highlight of the weekend was that "so many guys saw so many old mates from so long ago."

He had been impressed how well Dale College and Dale Junior, despite their difficulties, had come through the transition, while still maintaining normality and high standards. In some ways they had even improved on these.

"The school can hold its head up high," he said. "The staff are holding their own and doing a great job."

The returning '70s Dalians had enjoyed celebrating with their former teachers. "Midge Hilton-Green and Basil Birch stayed up with us till 4 o'clock on the Sunday morning at the Grosvenor," said Kim.

After the opening Assembly and the Memorial Service many of them shook hands with their former headmaster, Billy Rowles, who recognised most of them.

• Neil Turnbull (1976), Border Schools squash player, first team cricketer, who obtained a first-class matric, and now a chartered accountant involved in a tennis enterprise.

• Peter Wales (1977), director of a commodity trading business based in Milpark, Johannesburg. He is a partner of Piet Greyling, late '60s Springbok flank who played rugby with HO de Villiers, legendary Old Dalian Springbok fullback.

At Dale, Peter was a non-playing rugby

enthusiast who acted as linesman at first-team matches.

• Hylton Turnbull (1973) Border Schools squash player and first team cricketer, who owns a commodity trading business in Johannesburg.

• Kim Copland (1977), owner of an office furniture business in Maraisburg.

• Edwin Jay (1977), senior partner in his law practice in Parktown, Johannesburg.

• Kevin Schroeder (1978), managing director of a lighting company in Johannesburg.

Another '70s Old Dalian, Gary Hayden, drove down with his wife Michelle and two sons, Sean, 12, and Reece, 17 months, from Witbank.

Michelle, a Zimbabwean, told TransDale she found Dale a wonderful school. She was impressed with its discipline and how the school was run. "It was a lovely weekend," she said.

Gary, who came to Dale from Zambia, was a star hurdler in 1973 and 1974, breaking all Under 17 records in his matric year.

Members of the flying party who completed their schooling in later decades included:

• Richard Jay (1980), first team rugby player, financial director of a construction business in Alrode, Germiston, involved in projects throughout Africa.

• Craig Clarke (1984), first team hockey, who owns a clothing distribution company in Johannesburg.

• Gary Butcher (1983-89), first team water-polo and swimming, who was to die tragically in Pretoria only four months later (see Obituaries), and his younger brother Derek (1987-1993), now in London on a two-year working holiday, including odd-jobs and a stint at the Wimbledon tennis.

• Elder brother Raymond Butcher (1983-88), who works for Nedcor's private banking division in Parktown, Johannesburg, drove to King William's Town for the Reunion.

Dalians have ubuntu, says '49 headboy Nummy

MORE THAN 30 former Dale headboys and deputy headboys dating back to 1949 responded to the call to return to the school as honoured guests at the 2000 Reunion.

Among them were Greg Webb from London and Rhys Davies from Malawi; Lionel (Nummy) Zasman, Jack Trevena and David Sephton-Poultney from Gauteng; Stuart Goulding, Eric Stephen, Justin Corrans and Clifton Hoyle from the Cape; Laurence Beadon from Welkom; Alan Canny from Knysna; John Midgley, Adrian van Deventer, Derryk Jordan from Port Elizabeth; and Roy Seeney, from Humansdorp.

From Grahamston came Colin Meyer and Francis Kingston, from Adelaide Stephen Cockcroft, and from the Border outgoing ODU national president Kelvin Bahlmann (Stutterheim), past president Sid Knott (Kei Road); Gavin Busse, Robert Rayment, Glenn and Peter

Miles, Ray Ranger, Daryl Edwards, Peter Meyer, Bruce Butler, Peter Minnie, Bradley Worth, Peter Monaghan, Greg Mundell and Mark Paterson.

The former leaders were each welcomed by name at the opening assembly by the incoming Old Dalian national president, Ivan Venter.

Responding, 1949 headboy Nummy Zasman, said he had learnt to appreciate Dale College since moving to Johannesburg.

"People think King William's Town is in Natal or somewhere in the Cape but say that's where Dale College is and they get excited."

Nummy, who began his speech with a few words of Xhosa, compared the spirit of Dale to that of *ubuntu*, the foundation of African culture.

Dalians, he said, had *ubuntu* – the philosophy of people who have feeling and are caring; they have compassion."

During the St John's rugby festival last year he

had chatted to many of the Dale players. "They showed such pride playing for Dale. They were polite, well-behaved, modest and interesting."

"Thus I would like to think that Dalians have *ubuntu*. They also have enthusiasm – the art of getting on with people, the art of leadership."

Nummy told present Dalians: "The door has been opened to all to attend Dale. Take advantage, study hard and play hard. You must all build together for the future – *masakhana!*"

"But keep the right balance," he added, quoting the code of the great West Indian cricketer, Sir Garfield (Gary) Sobers: "Live, love and laugh."

• An all-round sportsman Nummy Zasman captained Dale firsts at rugby and cricket. A fitness enthusiast, he has since ran seven Comrades and seven Two Oceans Marathons and rode in ten Argus Cycle Tours.

Great to be back! THE HEADBOYS AND DEPUTIES



A STUNNING EXPERIENCE! That's how Jack Trevena, headboy of Dale College in 1972, describes his first visit to the school in nearly 30 years.

Jack, a Johannesburg banker, was one of more than 30 former headboys and deputy headboys, who attended the 2000 Reunion as honoured guests.

"I found it quite a spiritual experience to go back to a place which was once a key part of my life," said Jack, who spent five years at Dale as a boarder from Durban.

"I spent a lot of time walking around the town looking at places like the OK Bazaars and the Methodist Church, reviving old memories."

Like other towns King had changed, but in essence the school had not. Hostels had closed, but there had been no change in the standards, the spirit, the rugby and the quality of facilities.

What had changed was "magnificent" – the integration and transformation that had taken place.

He complimented the school staff as the "caretakers of change who have done a brilliant job of holding things together." It was good to see the boys looking so smart and neatly dressed.

Every change had been for the good and where there had been no change there had been no need for it.

Although the school had lost Sutton House, Dale Junior had gained the Convent, itself a monument of old King.

Jack spent most of the weekend with contemporaries Roy Seeney, headboy in 1971, Bob

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ABSENT from the group picture: 1972 headboy Jack Trevena (left) and 1995 headboy Greg Mundell

Rayment, headboy in 1973, and his deputy Laurie Beadon. They attended the official functions – including the assembly, the luncheon, the dinner dance, the rugby and the memorial service.

At the assembly he met and chatted to his old headmaster Billy Rowles – "a wonderful experience. What was so amazing was how fast he recognised me – 'Jackie,' he said, 'I can't believe it!'"

As headmaster and headboy, they had got on well despite a "singular tempestuous situation." They had a deep mutual respect.

Back row, from left: Roy Seeney (1971 headboy), Bradley Worth (1985 headboy), Justin Corrans (1993 deputy), Mark Paterson (1993 headboy), Daryl Edwards (1994 headboy), Derryk Jordan (1992 headboy), Stuart Goulding (1991 headboy), Clifton Hoyle (1991 deputy), Adrian van Deventer (1996 headboy), Gareth Jordan (1996 deputy), Peter Minnie (1998 headboy), Francis Kingston (1998 deputy)
Middle: Peter Miles (1966 headboy), Rhys Davies (1974 deputy), Ray Ranger (1975 deputy), Laurence Beadon (1973 deputy), Robert Rayment (1973 headboy), Peter Meyer (1976 headboy), Stephen Cockcroft (1975 headboy), Colin Meyer (1981 deputy), Eric Stephen (1968 deputy), Peter Monaghan (1988 headboy), Greg Webb (1990 headboy)

Front: Glen Miles (1960 headboy), Gavin Busse (1959 headboy), John Midgley (1951 deputy), Nummy Zasman (1949 headboy), Sid Knott (1951 headboy), Alan Canny (1989 headboy), Dave Sephton-Poultney (1965 deputy), Kelvin Bahlmann (1969 headboy), Bruce Butler (1967 headboy).

What did he enjoy most?

- Meeting contemporaries he had not seen since leaving school.
- The rugby, other activities and the facilities, many of which had not changed.
- The transformation which had enhanced the traditions remaining at the school.

As a man of 45 born after the Second World

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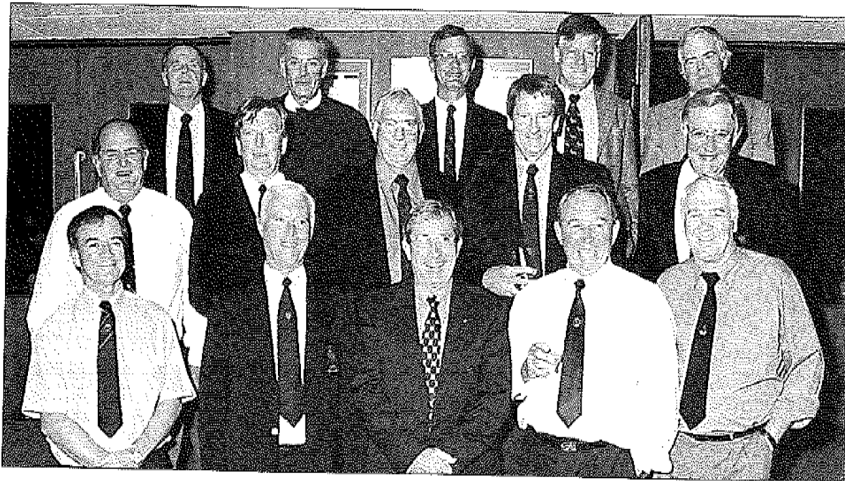


IN THE PRESIDENT'S ROOM ... From left: 'Sixties Dalians Trevor Bennet, Llewelyn Mountfort, Garth Philpott, Dave Mitchell and Graham Finlay. Below: Jackie Wainwright



DINNER IN THE CELLAR ... Standing (from left): Ralph Young, Reg le Roux, Glenn (KC) Miles, Ray Radloff, Garth Philpott, Philip Romanovsky and Keith (Chip) Gardener. Seated: Carol Young, Jenny le Roux, Barbara Miles, Treasure Bloome

Great to be back! THE MATRIC CLASS OF '60



'SIXTIES VETERANS ... Back row (from left): Ray Radloff, Philip Romanovsky, Ralph Young, Bernard Richards, Clive Cawood. Middle row: Glenn (KC) Miles, Keith (Chip) Gardner, Cyril Tessendorf, John Richards, Reg le Roux. Front row: Roy Miller, Garth Philpott, Mike Callaghan, Trevor Bennet and Dave Mitchell

WHAT'S CHANGED HAS BEEN FOR THE GOOD

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War, he still found the Memorial Service a moving experience.

"The balance between sport, culture, religion and fun is what Dale is all about."

One building at Dale which Jack feels needs restoration is the 75-year-old sports pavilion. (The Old Dalian Union is working on a scheme to rebuild or at least renovate this relic of the past.)

■ Jack Trevena, who lives in Bryanston, is gen-

eral manager of Nedlink in the Nedbank group.

In his matric year at Dale he played for the second (reserve) rugby team and with Geoff Rowles he was described in the school magazine as "the mainstay in the line-outs." Bob Rayment was vice-captain of the team and also played games for the firsts. Deputy headboy Laurie Beadon played for the First XV and Roy Seeney captained the team in his matric year, 1971.

At the year-end prize-giving Jack was awarded a prize for "dedicated service."

Deputy Dave ... 15 years on

DAVID SEPHTON-POULTNEY, deputy to 1965 headboy Hylton Ackerman, returned to Dale at Reunion this year for the first time in 15 years - with his wife Rose. They were there also to see their son Michael, 11, who entered Dale Junior this year.

Dave and Rose were last at Dale for the start of the 125th anniversary celebrations in 1985 - 20 years after he had left school.

"After such a long break I made sure that that some of my era were there, too," he said. They included Roger Kidson, Louis van Wyk (son of teacher "Ma" Van Wyk) and 1966 headboy Peter Miles, with his wife Joyce. "It was quite special for me," said Dave, chairman of the Johannesburg branch of the ODU.

We will return ... in 2005

TEN years ago members of the Dale matric class of 1960 went back to the school they had left 30 years before. They held their own reunion and vowed to return in 2000.

This year they all came back - with a few more - to the first Old Dalian Reunion of the new century. Some were in time to attend the assembly, 14 were at the dinner-dance and more than 20 met at a private function at the King Bowling Club. There they made a pledge to return in five years.

Glenn (KC) Miles, who assembled the group from 33 with known addresses out of a class of 60, said: "Those who could not be there sure missed something special."

"You never forget the friends you make at school. When we met as a group the years seemed to roll back."

"Watching Dale play Queen's is always a thrill and some of the traditional functions were a joy to attend. But to me the highlights were possibly the casual get-togethers ... supper on the Thursday evening, drinks at the bowling club before the match and dinner that evening (at The Castle restaurant under the old Sutton House)."

"Here friends were together to yarn without distractions, though pleasant, of the crowd. It was good that so many brought their wives, who enjoyed themselves."

The pledge to return in five years arose from a genuine wish to see more of each other and to keep in touch, said KC. Will those interested please call him in East London at (043) 726-7722 or 082-650-4776. His fax no is (043) 782-9101.



DINING WITH DALE: Top (from left): Alan Kietzmann, David Sephton-Poultney, Peter and Joyce Miles. Below: Pam Kietzmann, Roger Kidson and Louis van Wyk



TEN YEARS ON . . . From left: Nigel Wilmers, Dave Nicholson, Martin Moodie and his wife Mary-Jane
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EX-TEACHER David Boothroyd with pupils of the '89-'90 era, Alan Canny, Gary Butcher and John Beckley, from Tenerife. Gary has since died tragically

1990: A class of achievers

THE 1990 matrics, among the honoured guests at Reunion this year, are doing well in many fields. Apart from those working abroad (see Page 2) those who returned included another information technology consultant, a legal and financial adviser, two farmers, two sales managers, a computer engineer, a technical engineer, a marine engineer, a golf shop manager and a detective sergeant.

One is "still studying (psychology) after all these years" and another lists no after-school study, no qualifications, no occupation but among his hobbies "making money."

The returning matrics included at least four members of the unbeaten 1990 First XV:

• **STUART SLATER**, nicknamed EB (Ethiopian Bodybuilder), of Parkmore, Sandton, commented: "It was great. I look forward to returning again."

"I had a thoroughly good time, really enjoying seeing my old schoolmates, some of whom I had not seen since we matriculated."

Stuart won colours for cricket and half-colours for tennis and was head of Sutton House. After studying project management, sales and marketing, he is now a regional sales consultant at Derbigum Manufacturing in Gauteng. Stuart and his wife Meghan have one child.

• **MARTIN (Moose) MOODIE** lists as his qualifications "excellent husband and father." He and his wife Mary-Jane have two children.

Martin won honours for rugby, half-colours for waterpolo, a merit award for fishing and was a school prefect. His company, Bull Moose Adventures and Excursions, arranges deep-sea fishing and game drives from Port Alfred.

He is the son of ODU past president Derek Moodie and Jenny Moodie, a well-known Dale supporter known during Derek's term as "The Lady in Red and Black."

• **BRUCE (Fluffy) PAGE** farms at Berlin, near King William's Town, after obtaining a diploma in agricultural management at Cedara Agricultural College, Maritzburg.

• **GREG STONE** is a director of Stone Investments Trust Financial Service in King William's Town after studying marketing at the RSA Technikon.

After obtaining half-colours at rugby at Dale he played for Border Under 21 and Border C team. His wife Debra is an ex-KHS girl.

■ **GREG WEBB**, headboy in 1990, recalls an amusing incident in his schooldays: "In Std 6 during a maths lessons I asked Graham Nolan (aka Toad) why his pants were so tight. I was promptly thrown out of the class and sent for a whipping by the Headmaster (Mr Andrew), in his office."

1990 HERO: Stewart Coyle-Maybery (second from left) with Greg Stone, John MacDonald and Brett Step



Other 1990 matrics to return were:

• **MILES (Milo) MOURANT**, who obtained colours for cricket at Dale, played for the Border Nuffield team and won half-colours at golf, is now playing in the premier golf league for Humewood in Port Elizabeth.

"It was great to see all our mates from school and good to see the changes there are working," he said. By coming back Mr (David) Boothroyd had fulfilled a promise he made to the 1990 matrics. "This was typical of the man," said Miles.

Miles and his Old Dalian brother Hadyn (1986) manage the Pro Shop, a golf franchise in Port Elizabeth under the watchful eye of their father Mike (1957), an ODU past president once prominent in ODU and parent circles in Gauteng and Durban.

Miles, who lives in Lovemore Heights, Port Elizabeth, describes the Pro Shop as the best "toy shop in town." He is still completing his studies in marketing.

• **RICHARD (Dick) RAFOLS**, who won half-colours for shooting at Dale, is a computer engineer for Cybertech Computers in King William's Town after qualifying in personal computer engineering at Damelin College and marketing management at the East London Technikon College. Friends may e-mail him at richardrafols@hotmail.com

• **GARY (Little Goen) ANDREW**, who took his BA, LLb at Rhodes, is now a legal and financial adviser for Liberty Life in East London. At Dale he was a member of the first athletics team and most enjoyed "being able to call the headmaster Dad."

• **BRETT (Ball-sack) BAHLMANN**, farms with his father, 1999 Old Dalian National president Kelvin Bahlmann near Kei Road, after studying at Grootfontein Agricultural College. At Dale he was a college and hostel prefect, played second team cricket and won and all-rounders award.

• **BRETT (Chop) STEP**, who won academic

Top of the world

STEWART COYLE-MAYBERY, whose courageous fight to walk again after a paralysing rugby injury was a major event in 1990, says he is "on top of the world."

He is in a specialised building contracting business with his older brothers **GLEN** (1982) and **CRAIG** (1984), working on the Tugela-Vaal water scheme.

Speaking from Bergville, KwaZulu-Natal, Stewart said he had recovered and was running, swimming and cycling to keep fit.

After being delayed driving through the Transkei he arrived too late for the Reunion assembly but joined his old mates for an enjoyable weekend later.

honours at Dale, is an information technology consultant for FinSolve in East London after qualifying in IT at the Port Elizabeth Technikon.

• **DAVE NICHOLSON**, who was a cheerleader and first team tennis player at Dale, is married and a sales manager for Express Petroleum in East London.

• **GAVIN (Pinky) METZLER**, who played Border Schools A and Dale first team waterpolo, is married, with a baby "under construction." He is sales and marketing manager of Algoa Batteries and Algoa Harness Manufacturers in Port Elizabeth and plays waterpolo for UPE.

• **JURGEN (Jurgs or Short Ass) KIETZMANN**, who studied at the Teachers' Training College in Port Elizabeth after taking a post matric course at Dale, is "still studying after all these years." He is taking psychology at the Rhodes campus in East London.

Jurgen lists as his hobbies "bus parties, beer-fests, Rhodes social events, gym once every two weeks, golf, lying in the sun and living life to the full."

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BORDER BOYS Bradley Chalmers, Jurgen Kietzmann and Bruce Page



FROM CANADA: Ryan Westley with 1990-91 Dalian David Arbuthnott

Welcome back Ethiopian Body-builder, Fluffy, Moose, Spook, Nosey, Spikes, Milo, Little Goen, Pora, Ball-sack, Pinky, Chop and Short-ass



HONOURED GUESTS ... The 1990 matrics. Front row (left to right): Greg Webb, Dave Nicholson, Miles Mourant, Richard Rafols. Middle: Brett Step, Gary Andrew, Nigel Willmers, Jurgen Kietzmann, Brett Bahlmann, Bradley Chalmers, Ryan Westley. Back: Glen Page, Robert Davies, Fred de Abreu, Gavin Metzler, Greg Stone, Martin Moodie, Bruce Page, Robin Knott, John MacDonald.

The hockey player who loved rugby

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• **FREDERICO (Poro) DE ABREU** was a rugby fanatic at Dale, although his mother refused him permission to play the game. He played hockey and went to rugby practices carrying a hockey stick. Fred's achievements: Fourth team hockey, ninth team rugby. His hobby: Making money.

• **NIGEL WILLMERS**, who is married with two children, is a technical engineer with Nashua in King William's Town.

• **ROBERT DAVIES**, who holds an engineering degree from Stellenbosch University, works for De Beers Marine. Friends may reach him by e-mail at rdayies@mhs7.tns.co.za

• **BRADLEY CHALMERS** is a detective sergeant in the South African Police Service at Beacon Bay, East London. He has been in the police force for ten years.

• **GLEN (Page Two) PAGE**, who played first team hockey for Dale, is a sales manager for a farming company in East London. He obtained a bachelors degree in agricultural economics at Natal University.

• **JUSTIN (Dusty) MITCHELL**, a game ranger at Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve in Mpumalanga, sent his apologies for not attending because of his work. Justin, also known at Dale as Dimitri the Greek, played for the undefeated 1990 first cricket team and was the fourth Dalian awarded a scholarship to Exeter Cathedral School in England - in 1991.

After his return he took a B.Comm in sports management at the Rand Afrikaans University and a marketing management diploma from Damelin Business School. His e-mail address is just-mitchell@hotmail.com

Success in sport and in class

1990 WAS "a tough year at Dale but there were some huge successes," said former Headmaster Malcom Andrew when he welcomed returning members of the matric class at the 2000 Reunion. Highlights included:

- In its 130th year Dale College was on a high with an enrolment of 580, four full hostels and a dedicated staff and matric leaders who excelled.
- The matrics exploded once and for all the myth that Dale could either excel academically or on the sports field, but not both at the same time.
- The matric results, especially those for maths, were excellent. Andre Muller won the gold medal at the Science Expo at Rhodes University and Clifton Hoyle (who attended the 2000 Reunion as the 1991 deputy headboy) excelled at the Maths Olympiad.
- The first rugby team (captained by Andrew Bennet) were unbeaten in 20 games.
- The first cricket team (under Steven Pope) were also unbeaten.
- The first hockey team (led by Warren Cloete) was undefeated at home, and:
- All these teams played against some of the toughest school opposition in SA. The first waterpolo team was outstanding.
- It was the year of Stewart Coyle-Maybery, "a classic case of a guy who said he would never be a paraplegic." Once paralysed in a rugby accident, he was now 100 per cent fit.

Other noteworthy achievements included:

- The 1 080 km charity cycle tour from Cape

Town to King raised R10 000 for Child Welfare.

• The Sun-Festi, organised by the Dale PTA under Jenny Moodie, drew 3 000 people per show under marquees on the A and B fields. King William's Town came to a halt.

• Prize-giving speakers were John Gordon Davis, author of "Hold My Hand I'm Dying" and Professor Brian Gardner of Fort Hare. Drama was alive at Dale with Greig Hains (of Gauteng) excelling in the lead of "The Brig" and for the first time an Afrikaans play was staged at Dale.

Mr Andrew concluded by reminding first team captains Warren Brett (rugby) and Steven Campbell (hockey) of the scores against Queen's at Reunion ten years ago. The Dale hockey team won 3-1 and the First XV beat Queen's 33-nil - the biggest margin since 1927.

When the boss's son struck a discordant note

RETURNING 1990 matrics have recalled amusing memories from their schooldays. Here are some of them:

- The day that Headmaster's son Gary Andrew accidentally bounced a brick through the music teacher's window. It landed on her piano while she was playing.
- Graham (Toad) Nolan spending endless nights on the Joubert House steps trying to catch boys bunking out.
- Famous chirps by Des (Boedie) Gendall, teacher and deputy head: "If you lose those papers, I'll confiscate them ... Those of you who are absent, put up your hands." (Mr

Gendall, now living in Port Elizabeth, was back for the Reunion.)

- Running down to the bakery at 2 am for hot bread. Returning to "Hostel" and eating it in the headboy's room with a can of condensed milk.
- Calling Afrikaans teacher Mrs Pretorius "lieuwe heksie" and then being sent to Mr (Terry) Lennard for jacks.
- Taking part in an advanced study programme to get out of cadets.
- After Dale won a tournament on a rugby tour one of the new Dale "caps" ended up in the fish pond doing the breast-stroke.



ON GUARD: Sentries at the War Memorial in Dale's Hallowed Courtyard with suburban King William's Town and the Amatolas in the background



JUNIOR MAYOR Thando Gobe and his deputy, Thina Peteni, after laying a wreath. Thina is headgirl of KHS and Thando deputy headboy of Dale



VICTORS: The first XV their 147th class



JUNIOR boys cheer their Under 13A team to victory over Queen's



CHOIR-MISTRESS Sandie Weiss conducts the Dale Junior Choir at the assembly



DINNER-DANCE workers. Back row, from left: Selma Haupt, Lottie Phillips, Jean Petzer, Cheryl Cawthorn, Glenda Turner. Front: Yvonne Bissell, Noleen Bahlmann, Rose Smit, Anita Warren, Kathy Nixon, Vanessa Ehrke

FIRST XV captain Warren Brett (from Gauteng) leads his team out to face Queen's

Reunion

IT'S been acclaimed as the most successful reunion ever, with our photographer, KEVIN, capturing the spirit of the first Reunion in the



CONGRATS! Gauteng Old Dalians and wives rally at the dinner-dance. He is the first ODU leader, Ivan Zasman, Sandra Voerman, Ivan Venter, Dave





That rugby team who defeated Queen's 20-0 in the War Cry. With them is coach Wayne Rademan (See Pages 30-31)



AMADODA! Old Dalian PRO Jack Rosenberg leads the faithful in the War Cry at the dinner-dance. Past-president Kelvin Bahlmann is on the right

n 2000

Successful Dale Reunion ever. TransDale VIN WHITEHEAD. His pictures capture the 21st century and the new millennium.



They round their newly-inducted national president from the area in 25 years. From left: Nummy and Debbie Ellwood and (in front) Rob Voerman



COME ON DALE! Strong support came from smartly-dressed younger fans at the rugby



WELL DONE! Grandstand applause from parents and Old Dalians for a Dale try



EX-SPRINGBOK and former Dale rugby star Peewee Howe (right), with Barry Turner, a past-president of the ODU

SMART CAR! National President Ivan Venter with the Mazda Etude lent to him for the Reunion weekend by Norris Auto





THE FYFERS, Joe and Pat, their sons Jason, Craig and Brett with Pat's mother Judy Hodkinson (left)

• Pictures: KEVIN WHITEHEAD



THE EGLINTONS, Steven and Wendy, with sons Matthew and Graeme and Wendy's parents Joe and Maureen Fleckney, from England

GO TO REUNION! It's a fantastic and refreshing experience. That's the advice to TransDale parents, particularly new ones, from new Dale father Eric Huntley, junior vice chairman of the TransDale Parents' association. He and his wife Nadine, from Springs, attended their first Reunion this year.

Eric said he felt touched to see what the school is about and how it is run. "When we saw old headboys coming out of the woodwork I was tearful. That school has so much tradition – I hope it never dies."

It was good to see the boys in their school environment – neat and smart and with impeccable manners.

It meant the world to the boys for their parents to visit them at Reunion. "My son Jaison was so excited to see us there. He wanted to show us over the school. When I got back to work I didn't feel tired but rested."

Highlights? The Friday service, the Saturday rugby and the Sunday closing service. And of course seeing his son so happy. "A day school would never have made a child so respectful to his parents. I've got Dale to thank for that." Jaison is in Grade 10 and at College House.

Join your sons at Reunion and see what Dale is all about, says first-timer Eric

IT'S A MUST!

For Alan and Shona-Lee Brett of Mondeor, Johannesburg, it was a particularly proud occasion – to watch their son Warren lead the Dale first rugby team to victory against Queen's. (See Pages 30-31).

Michael and Jill Duncan of Northcliff, Johannesburg, on holiday in the area, dropped in to visit their grandson, Christopher Duncan. Michael went to the assembly and they both watched the rugby and Christopher playing hockey.

"They thoroughly enjoyed their visit and remarked how polite and well behaved the boys were," said Christopher's mother Judy, who regrettably was not able to join them. Christopher is in Grade 8 at College House.

Several Gauteng Dale parents made it a family weekend:

• The entire Fyfer family, from Kempton Park, were there. They included Joe and Pat Fyfer, Pat's mother Judy Hodkinson, their eldest Old Dalian son Jason, youngest son Craig and middle son Brett, now in his first year at Dale. He is in Grade 8 and at Joubert House.

Judy told TransDale she had been impressed by the school and the "togetherness of all those people" attending the Reunion. "It was a wonderful weekend," she said.

• Steven and Wendy Eglinton of Alberton brought Wendy's parents, Joe and Maureen Fleckney, visiting South Africa from England, to see their Dalian grandsons Matthew (Grade 10) and Graeme (Grade 7). Youngest son Craig came too. The Fleckneys were impressed by what they saw of the school.

• Terry and Mary Barnsley of

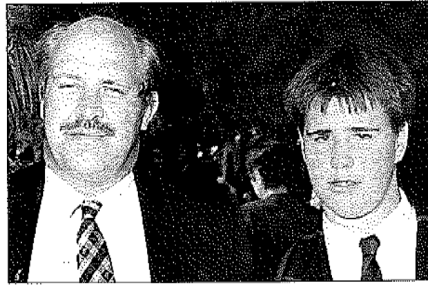


Helen Linkerman and her son Terence Lowe

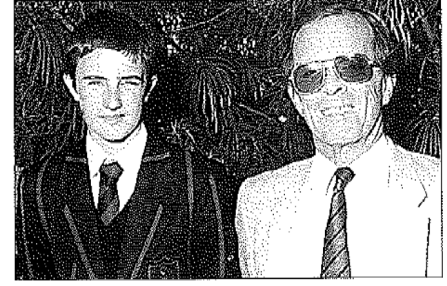
Walkerville took their daughter Jennifer and younger son Timothy to see their brother Robert, now in Grade 9 at the college.



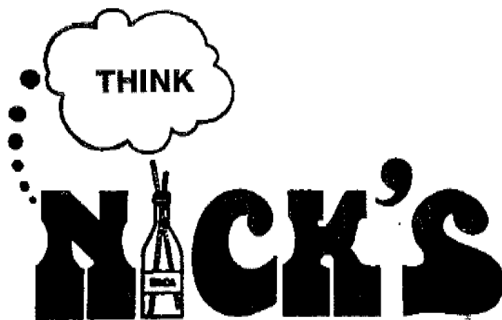
PROUD PARENTS: Alan and Shona-Lee Brett



Eric Huntley and his son Jaison



Barry Williams and his son Rhys



The Boykie from Elliot & Bank City

THE MAN leading the Old Dalian Union into the new century is the union's first national president from the Johannesburg area in 25 years. Ivan Venter, 60, who matriculated at Dale in 1956, is a gregarious, bilingual South African, a retired top banker, keen golfer, family man and lover of good wine.

The "Boykie from Elliot," who rose from a small-town junior bank clerk to senior manager in the Bank City branch in central Johannesburg, was inducted as president at the 2000 Old Dalian Reunion.

In more than 38 years with Barclays, later First National Bank he worked in platteland towns like Kenhardt and Prieska in the Great Karoo, Moorreesburg and Paarl in the Boland, followed by Hermanus, Grahamstown and Port Elizabeth. He got his first managerial appointment at 31 in PE before moving to Johannesburg where further promotion awaited.

Now as the "Boykie from Bank City," Ivan's forthright but friendly style will be seen either as a breath of fresh air or a Highveld thunderstorm in the more tranquil atmosphere of the Border. His experience with businessmen and budgets has convinced him that if the Old Dalian Union is to flourish, it should be run as a business. (See separate story).

Although he spent only two years at Dale, there can be few more devoted to his old school and more determined to help revive the Old Dalian Union.

Ivan and his wife Megan live in a comfortable suburban house in Sandton, north of Johannesburg. His study is a "shrine" of Dale and other memorabilia backing on to a wine cellar where the Venters have a collection of 700 bottles.

"I enjoy drinking wine. Megan is a very good cook and good food always tastes better with a nice glass of wine," he says. He also has a passion for Porsche cars and has owned five at different times in the past 25 years. "As a boy I always admired Porsches and blondes. Later I bought a Porsche and married a blonde," he told TransDale.

After 25 years, Gauteng's Ivan Venter leads the ODU



IVAN and MEGAN VENTER ... 'I bought a Porsche and married a blonde' • Picture: KEVIN WHITEHEAD

The blonde whom he met in her home town of Prieska was Megan Mugglestone, who had her share of boarding school life at Wynberg Girls' High in the Cape. Megan is right behind her husband in his efforts for Dale and the Old Dalian Union. They have been married for 37 years.

The Venters have two married daughters, Lynne Dunford and Susan Cecil, and five grandchildren, all living close by. Sons, who might have followed their father to Dale College, have eluded Megan and Ivan.

Ivan was born in Elliot, a small town on the fringe of the Transkei, where his father owned a garage and later a general dealer store. He was brought up in a bilingual household (Afrikaans father, English mother, a Cloete, pronounced the English way) and was educated till Std 8 at the local

high school.

He spent the first of his Dale years at Frank Joubert House and the second as a prefect at Sutton House.

Why Dale? "I had several cousins at Queen's and my parents assumed I would want to go there," said Ivan. "But two good friends at primary school, Selby and Alan Vorster, went on to Dale and that, I think, made me decide.

"I was definitely not an achiever at Dale and was in the infamous Std 10c class of 1956. I was one of the fortunate few to pass. I think Dale helped me grow up and certainly instilled a certain amount of confidence.

"One of my worst memories was in 1955 when the headmaster, Russell Searle, came into our classroom and asked why not one pupil in the class had entered in the oratory contest.

"We all slid down in our seats - he looked around and said, 'Venter, you will make a speech' and walked out. What could I do? I had to prepare a speech and enter the contest.

"The day of the contest was surely the worst of my life and I made probably the worst speech ever heard at the college."

After breaking his arm in the first rugby match of the 1956 season Ivan found a regular place in the second team, playing next to Neville Woollgar at centre and Phil Erasmus at flyhalf.

After leaving school and entering the bank at Elliot he joined the local rugby club. "At 17, I found myself playing against a tough bunch of men as there were no Under 19 or Under 20 sections in these smaller clubs."

In 1959 Ivan played for the Transkei sub-union team captained by Selbornian DJ (Fish) Andrews (Springbok Mark's father). He played against Old Dalians "Peewee" Howe and Sid Knott of Hamiltons and Viv Gehring, Des Walker and Miles Flynn of Buffaloes.

Ivan regards playing for Paarl in the 1963-64 seasons as the highlight of his rugby days. Paarl held the Western Province Grand Challenge Trophy and the first league game of the season was against Stellenbosch University at Newlands in Cape Town.

"We lost that game but what an experience it was for a little guy from Elliot playing against great players I had previously only read about."

Ivan's best friends at Dale were Vernon Sachs and Manfred Sher (who have both emigrated) and in his final year his fellow house prefects were Chris Wright (headboy) Brian Walker and Paul Howarth. He built up a lifelong friendship with Terry Chapman at Joubert House and their families remain close friends.

Derek Fowler, who swam for Northern Rhodesia in the 1954 Empire Games while still at Dale,

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The business of running the Old Dalian Union

IVAN VENTER fervently believes that if the Old Dalian Union wants to progress it has to be run on business lines. "Otherwise it will at best stand still," he told TransDale. "The staff have to set objectives and targets and these have to be monitored regularly."

His forthright views on the union's future were spelt out in a letter he wrote at the request of PRO Jack Rosenberg last year. It was published in the 1999 Dale College Magazine erroneously attributed to "the pen of Joe Sutton, TransDale editor."

After deploring the union's "poor shape" and "loss in its trading account," Ivan wrote: "I believe success can be achieved in the coming years, but unfortunately this is going to involve a completely new and changed mind-set."

"The union will have to be run like a business and for a start the PRO will have to draw up a business

plan and present it to the executive committee.

"The plan will detail his objectives, eg. to enrol 100 new members by Reunion 2000, trading account to reflect a profit by the end of the financial year.

"A progress report must then be presented, say quarterly, at Old Dalian executive meetings to enable the committee to monitor the progress being made. We have a great school and a wonderful old boys' union.

"Hard work is required but there is no reason why we should not look forward to a happy and prosperous future."

Ivan notes that in nearly a year since he made these suggestions little has changed. He concedes that a tough task lies ahead. "It is difficult to run a business from 1 000 kms away."

At branch level Ivan believes that in stimulating interest the Johannesburg branch has shown

the way to go.

"Judging by the support we get, the old boys must be enjoying our functions," he said. "If we had branches in Cape Town, Durban, Port Elizabeth and East London that matched our functions the ODU would be very strong.

How can the ODU help Dale to recruit boarders? TransDale asked Ivan.

"We must never stop 'selling' Dale," he replied. "The rugby tours to Gauteng each Easter are an excellent shop window. Dale is seen with the cream of South African schools and people out there get to know the school."

Is it too much to expect more affluent Old Dalians to send their sons to a state school far from home?

"I do not think it is appropriate to send your son to Dale if he is not going to be happy there," said Ivan. "But if he is boarding school material you know where he has to be!"

THE ACHIEVERS

Gauteng's Vuyo shines on the track and rugby field

GAUTENG'S Vuyo Sishuba, son of Jason and Pamela Sishuba of Randburg, has emerged as an outstanding athlete and rugby player at Dale College.

He won full colours in both sports last year, has been a regular member of the First XV this season and represented the Border A team at Craven Week.

At the 1999 prize-giving he won a trophy for the best athletics performance of the year. He represented Border at the USSASA South African championships as well as the SA championships and junior championships.

Warren Brett, who won a prize last year for his contribution to rugby, captained the First XV for most of this season and was also selected for the Craven Week Border A team.

Warren, son of Alan and Shona-Lee Brett of Walkerville, took over the leadership in Dale's final match at the St Stithians festival over Easter. The team won this match and the next five. (See Pages 28-31.)

Another Gauteng member of the first rugby team this season has been **Glen McMaster**, son of Sandy McMaster of Sandhurst.

At last year's prize-giving **Shaun Els**, son of Hans and Barbara Els of Johannesburg, and **Craig Carter**, son of Bill and Jane Carter of Kempton Park, shared an award for service to hockey.

Morgan Tinline continues to be one of Gauteng's most successful Daliens. This year he was selected for the Border Under 18A hockey team.

Last year he won an all-rounders' tie, and special prizes for hockey umpiring and representing the SA Under 16 team – the first Dalian to achieve this.

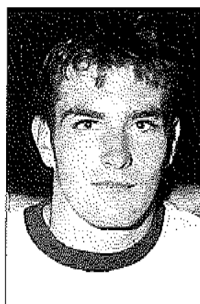
He played for the Border A team and went to Zimbabwe with the SA team where they played four Tests against the Zimbabwe Under 18 team.

He also played for the first squash team with another Gauteng, **Jonathan Letzler**, who was 16th in the Under 19a section of the Eastern Province Open.

Morgan is the son of Rusty Tinline of Petit,



VUYO SISHUBA
Athletics, rugby



WARREN BRETT
rugby, first aid



GLEN MCMASTER
rugby



MORGAN TILINE
hockey, academics

a member of the TransDale Parents' Association committee for some years. Jonathan is the son of Nils and Corinne Letzler of Krugersdorp.

Academically, Morgan won a prize for being fourth in Grade 10 last year. This year he was ninth in Grade 11 in the first term and eighth in the second term, both with an average of 66 per cent.

In the AMESA (Association of Mathematics Educators of SA) Maths Olympiad, Morgan qualified for the second round of the senior section (Grades 10-12).

In first aid, **Warren Brett**, as a sergeant, won half-colours and **Morgan Tinline** and **Robert Barnsley** won team awards last year. Robert is the son of Terry and Mary Barnsley of De Deur, both committee members of the TransDale Parents' Association.

Kevin Gilmartin, son of George and Phyllis Eleftheriou of Sunward Park, Boksburg, was a member of the Under 16 hockey team last year with **Craig Friedenstein**, son of Hugh and Jenni Friedenstein of Eastleigh, Edenvale. **Michael du Plessis**, a former Gauteng, whose parents now live in Uganda, captained the side. Kevin joined the first hockey squad this year.

Craig's elder brother **Garth**, who was head-boy of College House last year, won a digital sound system with another Dalian, **Jonathan Els**, at the Microsoft Technet Computer Conference.

Matthew Eglinton, elder son of Steve and Wendy Eglinton of Alberton, won a special prize for his outstanding contribution to the school in various fields. Wendy is secretary of the TransDale Parents' Association.

Jason Chidgey, was a member of the 1999 cross country team. He and his younger brother **Christopher** ran for Dale in the Great Train Race in Port Elizabeth in August. Competing against 471 teams, Dale came 10th in the high schools category and 67th overall.

Last year, as a member of the Drama Club, Jason won gold and bronze awards for poetry and monologue at eisteddfods in Queenstown and Grahamstown.

New Dalian **Terence Lowe** has made a promising start in his first year at the college. In his first term, as a member of the Under 15A tennis team, he received a merit award.

He has taken part in cross-country and road runs and came tenth in the Under 15 section of the Reunion race against six other competing schools.

Terence has also been prominent in the junior section of the Dale Chess Club and is regarded as a promising player. He is the son of Bertha (Helen) Linkerman of Kempton Park.

Ivan, the new president *How Gauteng does it*

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became a good friend of Ivan's after school. Derek (who died in 1993) became a wide-ranging entrepreneur and Ivan was his bank manager in Johannesburg.

Four Old Daliens who were at Joubert House with Ivan in 1955 joined him at his 60th birthday last December; George Shaw, Ian Chisholm, Les Labuschagne and Dave Maartens.

Gardening has always been one of Ivan's hobbies, but he concedes: "Megan is really the gardener. I just enjoy mowing the lawns for the exercise."

He plays golf twice a week off a 14 handicap at the Leeuwkop Club where he has a regular four-ball with former FNB colleagues, including Old Dalian Dave Harris, retired general manager of the bank's Northern Transvaal region.

The Venters enjoy spending "great weekends" relaxing, boating and entertaining friends and

family at their cottage at Clover Hill Club on the banks of the Bronkhorstspuit Dam. "Our grandchildren love it there."

As national president Ivan follows a Baptist pastor and a lay preacher. He grew up as a Methodist and he and his children were confirmed in that church.

But although he says he "does not practise organised religion," he has read the Old Testament once and the New Testament three times. Few Old Daliens could match that.

"When I need strength or guidance I find it all in Proverbs," he says.

• The last Old Dalian national president from the Johannesburg branch (in 1975) was Gerald (Gerry) St Leger Daines, a former chief magistrate. Earlier presidents from the area included **Gordon McEwan** (1972), **Carl van der Westhuizen** (1969) and **Jack Lumley** (1955). All four have since passed away

WITH Dave Sephton-Poultny as chairman Ivan has helped to revive the Johannesburg branch of the Old Dalian Union since 1995 when "things had become quiet."

During 1994 he and John Francis (1952) started quarterly luncheons, mostly for 1950s Old Daliens, at the Long Bar of the Wanderers Club, of which Ivan was a member. "These were very enjoyable with the attendance varying from 8 to 14 people," recalled Ivan.

During 1995 Dave called Ivan to say that the branch had "almost ceased to exist" and asked his help to re-establish it and organise a few activities to interest Gauteng Old

TRANSDALE asked Ivan Venter if he would recommend banking as a career for Dalian school-leavers. His reply:

Banking has changed so much over the years that it is probably far more exciting today and a bigger challenge. It is certainly not a career for the faint-hearted.

Daliens.

"Five years down the line I think we have been successful. Dave is a great leader and hard worker and the ODU is indebted to him for his efforts and time and initiative."

• The Johannesburg branch holds at least two lunches a year and an occasional breakfast.

• Old Daliens take part in three golf tournaments: one run by the branch, one run by Dale parents and a Selborne/Queen's/Dale old boys' tournament run by the Old Selbornians. The Old Daliens have won this event five times in a row. (See Page 36.)

• Young Old Daliens play action cricket and an occasional conventional cricket match against Old Queenians.

• The branch is pursuing a plan to establish a business club (see Page 27) and collects monthly or annual donations to cover ODU subscriptions and local funds. The union's total 135 paid-up members in South Africa and abroad include 30 from the Johannesburg area.

GAUTENG Old Dalians, Old Queenians and Old Selbornians have found a joint "home" at the Parkhurst Bowling Club in Johannesburg.

Parkhurst has agreed to merge its management with that of the three unions who will have full use of the club's social and bowling facilities. Amendments providing for this in the club's constitution were ratified at its annual general meeting in October.

BORDER OLD BOYS MERGE WITH BOWLERS – AND FIND A HOME

The club will now be managed by a joint old boys/Parkhurst committee which will run the bowls section and cater for the needs of the old boys. Each old boys' union will have three members on the committee. The Old Dalian repre-

sentatives will be Johannesburg branch chairman David Sephton-Poultney, George Shaw and Donald Stuart.

The club will provide a base for the unions' Gauteng branches to hold social functions and informal

meetings. The branches, which will remain independent, will also be able to administer their affairs from the club's offices.

All Old Dalians who are paid-up members of the ODU will automatically become members of the club.

David Sephton-Poultney has appealed to Gauteng Old Dalians to support the venture, which follows efforts over many years to find a permanent base.



AT BREAKFAST (from left): Colin Lawler, Kevin Dollery and Justin Ladner



AT LUNCH: Catch it! Colin Kretzmann fields a lucky-draw prize from David Sephton-Poultney

Old Dalians set up business network

AN Old Dalian electronic business directory has been launched in Johannesburg. It will provide a forum for Gauteng old boys to advertise their services and products through e-mail and on the Internet.

Once the system is fully opera-

tional it is intended to extend it country-wide, said Johannesburg branch chairman David Sephton-Poultney. Already general correspondence to Gauteng Old Dalians is being sent mainly by e-mail.

The directory will be one of the activities of an Old Dalian business club, which will meet occasionally for breakfasts and lunches.

The idea was first mooted at a well-attended business breakfast in February, which was addressed by David Sephton-Poultney and Grant Turnbull, who has since been elected Old Dalian Union junior vice-president.

Further details were announced at a lunch of the Johannesburg branch in August, attended by more than 40 Old Dalians and addressed by David and Donald Stuart (matric class of 1986).

Old Dalians are invited to advertise at an initial cost of R300, with an annual renewable charge of R150. For further information they may e-mail The Old Dalian Business Directory at poultney@icon.co.za

Gauteng old boys with access to e-mail are asked to send their addresses to this address to link up with the branch and receive general information about branch social and sporting activities.

Those without e-mail facilities are asked to update their phone and fax numbers and postal addresses by calling David at (011) 788-0542 or faxing him at (011) 880-5051.

The Old Dalian Union's head office at Dale College is sending weekly reports to old boys with e-mail addresses. The ODU's e-mail address is: odu@border.co.za

• The Dale College e-mail address is: dale@sainet.co.za or dalec@sainet.co.za

• Promotional material about Dale College and the ODU is available on the Dale website: www.border.co.za/Dale



AT BREAKFAST: Raffle-winner Craig Clarke



AT LUNCH (from left): Alec Wainwright and Paul Clark



AT LUNCH: Wal Dean and Dennis Griffiths

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School festival flair draws fans

Dale back at St Stithians where there's hardly room to park

ON a day when an important Super 12 match drew only 17 000 fans to Ellis Park there was hardly a parking place at the St Stithians rugby festival. The stands at both fields were packed. Schoolboy rugby is alive and well in South Africa and the fans love it.

The young Dale side, in an early-season rebuilding phase, lost two of their three matches on their return to St Stithians after four years at St Johns. The games were marked by strong second-half Dalian displays and some brilliant backline tries, which augured well for the future. The side went down to Bishops, came close to beating Michaelhouse and outplayed Jeppe.

The Dale team were without their star loose forward Kaunda Ntunja, then touring France with the South African Under 19 side.

Watching the main Saturday game against Michaelhouse were two of Dale's 1999 stars, scrumhalf Nicholas Eyre and lock Donovan Proudfoot. (See Where are they now?)

Christopher Eyre, the fifth member of the Eyre family to play rugby for Dale, came on during the game as a replacement scrumhalf – the same role that brother Nic filled for his last two years at Dale. The two brothers were joined at the festival by their uncle, Alan Eyre, of East London, who played wing for Dale in the '70s and was vice-captain in 1978.

Among the King contingent were Marc and Sandra Rudy, whose son Bradley led the Dale team on to the field in honour of his 50th first team game, and Willem and Mary-Anne van Collier, whose son, also Bradley, was stretchered off the field after being concussed.

Other proud parents were Gautengers Alan and Shona-Lee Brett, whose son Warren played a storming game at flank forward and led the team in its 27-14 victory on Monday over Jeppe and for five succeeding games back on the Border.

Old Dalian and parent support at the Saturday game was strong but dispersed on both sides of the field.

Young and older Old Dalians greeted the Dale XV with the War Cry as they took the field.

There were words of encouragement at the after-match party. Johannesburg Old Dalian branch chairman Dave Sephton-Poultney praised Dale's second-half fight-back and said of Dale's early-season form: "Life is full of cycles and we are in the middle of one now."

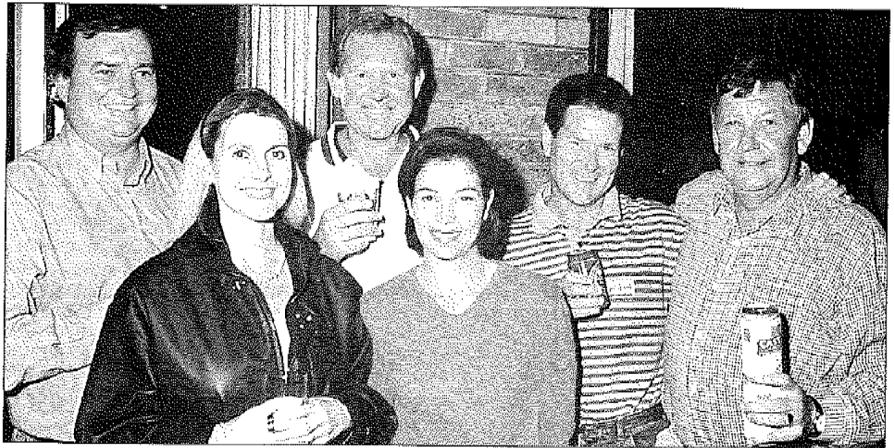
Bradley Rudy, called on to speak as acting captain, urged his side to "use this game as a stepping stone" and told them "Well done!"

Kelvin Bahlmann observed that this was



GO DALE! Parents and old boys applaud a spectacular try against Michaelhouse at the St Stithians festival

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DALE SUPPORTERS (from left) David and Debbie Ellwood, Ross and Anne Field, Barry Pain and Ivan Venter, since elected Old Dalian national president

Dale's sixth away game this season. The first home game would be against Queen's at Reunion.

Headmaster James Haupt said of Dale rugby: "We are building (a side) and still competing at the highest level". In cricket, he added, Dale was the top team on the Border.

To parents, he added: "We believe we are doing a good job for your kids and their future. When I walk around the shopping malls here

I'm so pleased our pupils are in a safe environment. Don't worry about them."

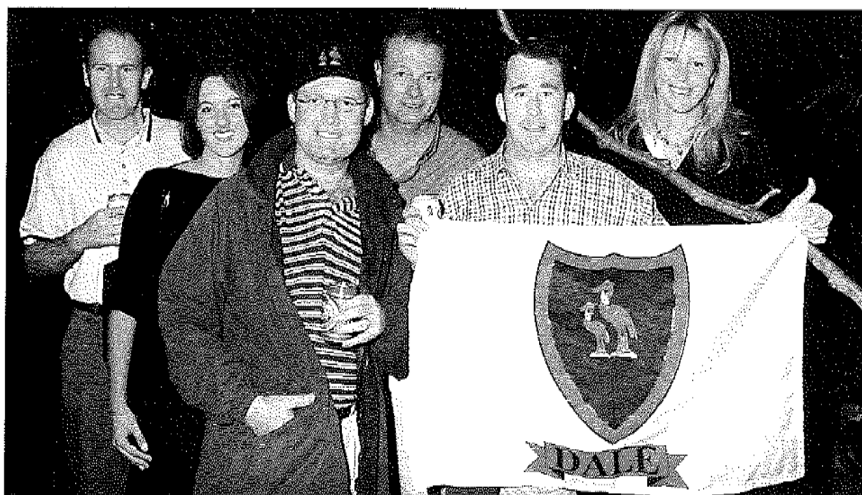
• Dave Sephton-Poultney, whose younger son Michael started as a boarder at Dale Junior this year, described the schools' Gauteng parent group as "a dynamic family".

• The Dale tour group included head of rugby and manager Butch Wiggett, First XV coach Wayne Rademan, and sports manager Marco van Zyl.

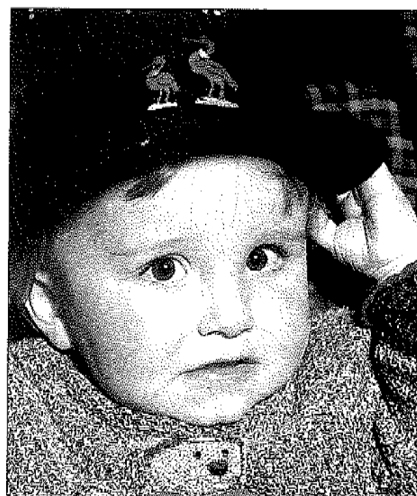


FROM KING: Parents Marc and Sandra Rudy with their son Bradley, who was playing his 50th first team game for Dale; and on the right, Willem and Mary van Collier with their son, also Bradley. He had recovered after being stretchered off the field with concussion during the Michaelhouse game.

SHOWING THE FLAG FOR DALE



OLD DALIANS and friends (from left): Eric Clemitsen, Ria le Roux, Humphrey Price, Gareth Hoar, Donald Stuart (holding the flag) and Vickie Clemitsen at the St Stithians festival



16-MONTH-OLD Reece Hayden, son of Gary and Michelle Hayden, came from Witbank to support his dad's old school



BROTHERS Ray (left) and Derek Butcher (right) with Veronica McNaughton and Old Dalian PRO Jack Rosenberg



FROM EAST LONDON Alan Eyre (left) and his wife Glenda (centre) with locals Richard Jay, Rob Voerman, Edwin Jay and Anne Copland. Alan's nephew Chris was in the Dale squad

One up, two down

DALE lost their first St Stithians festival game 22-10 to a more polished and organised Bishops side, who led 15-nil at the break. Dale's tackling failed in midfield for Bishops to score two tries, one converted, and goal one penalty.

The Daliens came back strongly in the second half with two unconverted tries by wing Luthando Mondliwe and scrumhalf Roland King (15-10). But with Dale in striking distance Bishops clinched the match by scoring a converted try in the dying minutes of the game.

In the main Saturday match Dale fought back to challenge the strong Michaelhouse team and lost by only three points after being down 19-7 at the break. The final score of 22-19 showed that Dale won the second half.

Michaelhouse, who dominated most of the first spell, added only a penalty in the second. Dale, who had scored an exciting early try, added two more in the second half.

Dale began well with Monde Zondeki winning a race to touch down after a chip ahead for Francois Vermaak at full back to convert (7-0). Dale appeared to slump, allowing Michaelhouse to score three times to lead 19-7 at half time.

Michaelhouse stretched their lead to 22-7 with a penalty before Dale came back in the last ten minutes with two brilliant tries by winger Vuyo Sishuba. Vermaak goalied only one of the conversions and Michaelhouse scraped home.

Sishuba's two tries did not go unnoticed as the TV camera crew homed in for an interview with Vuyo for the popular programme "Boots and All".



1999 DALE STARS Jason Hosty and Donovan Proudfoot (centre) with this year's players (from left) Monde Zondeki, Vuyo Sishuba, Bongani Conjwa and Thabo Lekwe

In the final match on the Monday Dale out-classed Jeppe High to romp home 27-14 after leading 9-7 at the break.

An undisciplined start by Jeppe saw Dale's fullback Francois Vermaak convert three penalties for a 9-0 lead. Jeppe scored a converted try to make the half-time score 9-7 to Dale.

Three minutes into the second half Dale wing Vuyo Sishuba crossed over after another excellent three-quarter movement. Vermaak converted (16-7). A Jeppe push-over try was converted (16-14), but Vermaak goalied two more penalties for a 22-14 lead.

Dale centre Monde Zondeki cut through, passed inside to Maphelo Nabe, who kicked the ball into the in-goal area. Flyhalf Thabo Lekwe raced in for the final touchdown.



FROM KING: Dale sports administrator Marco van Zyl (left) with Headmaster's wife Selma Haupt and First XV coach Wayne Rademan

A poor start: A great finish!

AFTER a disappointing start the Dale First XV ended the 2000 season on a high note. They were unbeaten on the Border and for the second successive year they achieved the "double header," beating Queen's and Selborne twice.

The 40 points to 19 against Selborne at home were the highest scored against Dale's close rivals and "laid to rest the ghost of 1987 when Dale lost by 44 points to three," reported Butch Wiggett, head of rugby. "The open rugby played by the firsts drew a great following of the game back at Dale."

Dale's previous record against Selborne was the 32-3 victory by the 1975 team, who returned this year to Reunion after 25 years.

The 2000 First XV won 13 of its 21 matches and scored 630 points against their opponents' 295. Ninety-nine of these points came against a touring English side from Widnes College in Lancashire, who did not score a point. Dale fullback Francois Vermaak goalied 11 conversions in this game.

Once again Dale pursued its policy of exposing their players to as wide a sphere as possible. They attended festivals at Graeme College, Kokstad High and St Stithians College, as well as taking part in the Top 20 SA Schools event at Loftus Versfeld, Pretoria. Dale also accepted a late invitation to play Affies (Afrikaans Hoër Seunskool, Pretoria) rated one of the strongest schoolboy sides in the country. The Dalians, who had already played twice in a week, dominated the first half but lost the match in the second.

Much of the flair displayed by the Dale First XV has come from its black players, including some outstanding threequarters and brilliant flanker Kaunda Ntunja. He was chosen to captain the SA Schools team after playing in two "Tests" for the SA Under 19 side in the World Under 19 tournament in France.

Writing in the *SA Rugby Magazine*, Thierry Tyson reported that the Dale team at the Top 20 festival included nine players "from previously disadvantaged communities". All nine had successfully secured themselves in Dale's first team on merit. Dale had also produced the most attractive rugby of the top SA Schools participating. Prince Edward of Zimbabwe achieved the top rating overall.

Writing in East London's *Daily Dispatch*, Mike Loewe quoted a senior rugby official as saying that rugby on the Border was "undergoing a phenomenal renaissance with thousands of black players signing up to play." Traditional "upper-class rugby-playing schools such as Queen's and Dale and, to a lesser extent Selborne", were now fielding teams of which "up to 50 per cent of the first team schoolboy heroes are black."

Six Dalians were chosen for the Border A side in Craven Week. They included Ntunja (as captain), Vuyo Sishuba and Warren Brett of Gauteng, Luthando Mondliwa, Francois Vermaak and Bongani Conjwa.

Dale's close call

DALE'S closest victory of the season was in their away game against Kingswood where they nosed home by two points.

Dale were down 6-13 at half time after an shock converted try by Kingswood two minutes into the game and two penalties apiece, but they came back strongly to win 20-18. Kingswood paid dearly for not converting a late try scored under the posts after an interception.

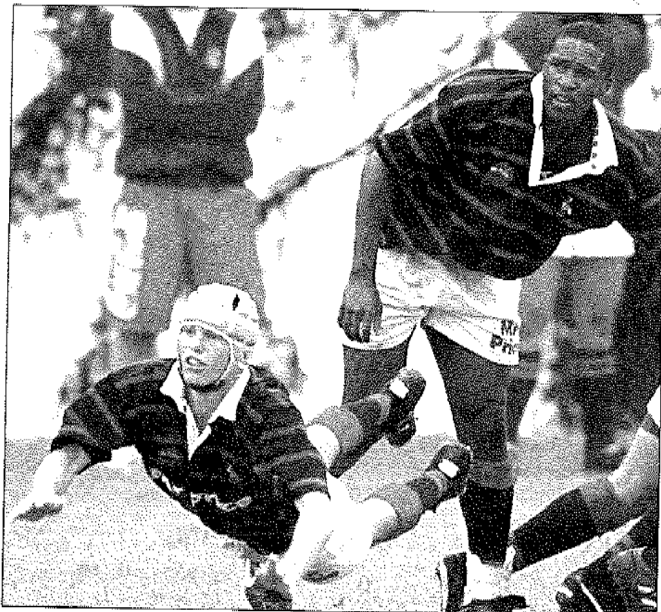
In the end Dale produced brilliant rugby to gain the narrow victory with two tries by Roland King and Luthando Monaliwa. Fullback Francois Vermaak slotted two conversions and two penalties.

PROBABLY South Africa's most significantly famous school at present, King William's Town's Dale College, were last at St Stithians in 1995, when current Lions Squad members Giobani Bobo and Oginga Siwundla were in their team as Std 8s.

Current Dale First XV first-choice captain and loose forward Kaunda Ntunja is now on tour with South Africa's Under 19 side (in France).

Dale, along with traditional rivals Queen's

AMADODA! ...
Scrumhalf Rowland King gets his backline away at the Kokstad Rugby festival. No 8 Kaunda Ntunja waits
• Picture: CHRIS FEY, *The Citizen*



Thando Gobe, Thabo Lekwe and Gavin Jones were selected for the Border B team and Shaun Harvey and Bradley Rudy were in the C team.

From the Dale Under 15s, Lukhanya Majorman, Keegan Daniel, Mowande Zensile, Grant Kennedy and Dumani Mya were chosen for Border. Kennedy and Majorman made the Coastal Sharks team and Majorman has been selected for the SA Schools' Under 15 team to take part in next year's World Cup tournament.

Colours awards made after the second term were: Honours (re-award): Kaunda Ntunja. Colours: Warren Brett, Bongani Conjwa, Luthando Mondliwa, Vuyo Sishuba, Francois Vermaak and Simpiwi Vimbayo.

Half colours: Monde Zondeki (re-award). Team: Shaun Harvey, Roland King and Bradley van Coller.

The prospects for next year look bright.

Dale's unbeaten second team - most of them players still in Grade 11 and below - will provide

the nucleus for the first team next year, says their coach, Butch Wiggett. They played 15 games, won 14 and drew one, scoring 363 points against their opponents' 79.

The First XV began the 2000 season with four away losses before beating Selborne decisively 18-8 in East London. Then followed two defeats and one win at the St Stithians festival in Gauteng.

From then Dale did not lose a match until they faced Affies in an unscheduled match the day after the second term closed.

They beat Queen's College 20-0 at Reunion and followed this up with victories over Port Rex, Kingswood (a close one), Hudson Park and Grens.

In the third term Dale beat St Andrew's and overwhelmed Widnes, but lost to Daniel Pienaar of Uitenhage and Monument of Krugersdorp (at the top 20 SA Schools tournament). They wound up the season with impressive wins over Framesby, Cambridge, Selborne and Queen's (29-8).

TRIES BEAT KICKS

DALE'S home encounter with St Andrew's was an attractive running game with good tackling on both sides. Dale scored a goal, a try and a penalty to their opponents' three penalties. Result: Dale 15, St Andrew's 9.

Dale led 10-3 at the break after an early penalty by Francois Vermaak and an unconverted try by centre Simpiwe Vimbayo. St Andrew's responded with a penalty just on half-time.

In the second half St Andrew's slotted two penalties and Dale scored an unconverted try. A strong line movement set up rightwing Vuyo Sishuba to score in the corner.

Congratulations to Selborne's Andre Vos, who captained the Springbok rugby team in their up-and-down Tests against Canada, England, Australia and New Zealand and was selected for the tour of Argentina and Britain.

Congrats also to another Old Selbornian, lock forward Mark Andrews, who regained his place after being dropped. Well played, both.

Bad luck, Old Queenian utility back Kaya Malotana, excluded after being part of last year's World Cup squad. Where is he now?

QUOTE

College, have the responsibility for delivering on the suppressed aspirations of Xhosa rugby culture.

It is not widely known in Gauteng that soccer trails rugby, boxing and cricket in across-the-board support for the Border regions. Among Eastern Cape schools, Dale College, with its rep-

utation for tough rugby, is THE school to beat.

Better-known old boys are H O de Villiers, Hylton Ackerman, Makhaya Ntini, Meryck Pringle, Kenny Watson, Steven Palframan, Luke Smith, Steven Pope, seven-a-side Springbok Thobela Mdaka and Greg Somerville of the Canterbury Crusaders (recently playing for the All Blacks).

- from the programme of the 2000 St Stithians rugby festival.

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WAS DALE ROBBED AT LOFTUS?

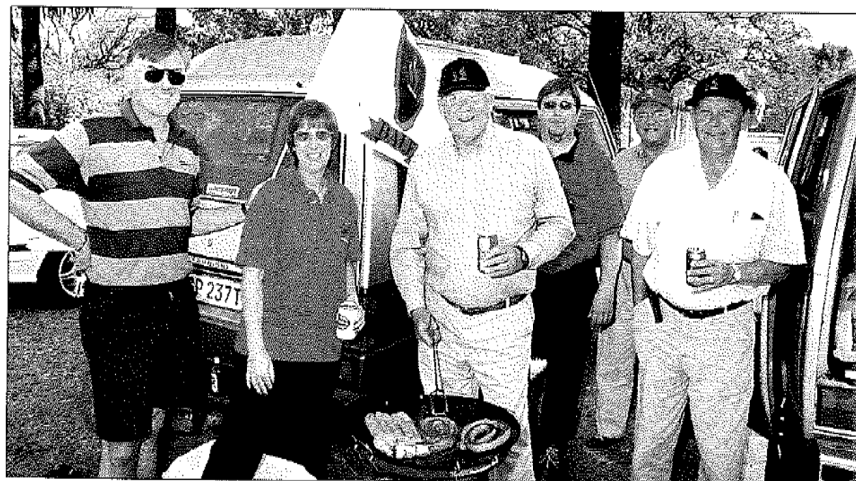
A CONTROVERSIAL decision on full time may have robbed Dale of victory over Hoërskool Monument in the Top 20 SA Schools match at Loftus Versfeld.

Sadly Dale were denied a try-scoring opportunity on the tryline and went down 20-25 after leading 17-15 at the break and 20-15 during the second half.

In the first half each side goaled a penalty and scored twice. Monument's tries came from their 8th man soon after the kick-off and from their flyhalf just before half-time.

Dale responded three minutes after Monument struck first, running the ball from inside their 22. After some tremendous handling wing Vuyo Sishuba, crossed over to score. Fullback Francois Vermaak converted and stretched Dale's lead to 10-5 with a penalty.

After Monument closed the gap to 10-8 with a



penalty Donovan Lentz scored Dale's second try, converted by Vermaak.

In the second half Dale and Monument matched penalties before Monument took the lead for the first time with a try (25-20). Full time came with Dale attacking Monument's tryline and luckless in their bid to score.

DALE SUPPORTERS hold a braai after the Loftus game. From left: David Sephton-Poultnery, Wendy Eglinton, George Shaw, Steve Eglinton, Ian Chisholm and Ivan Venter

• Picture: KEVIN WHITEHEAD

Once again: the double header

DALE'S first match against Selborne College was their first win of the season after four defeats. Both teams played an expansive game, which led to exciting rugby.

After being down 5-8 at half-time, Dale won 18-8 through tries by Vuyo Sishuba and Roland King and a conversion and two penalties by Francois Vermaak.

Dale, who began superbly, were unlucky not to score several times, but Selborne dotted down first. Dale replied with a try by Sishuba and Selborne goaled a penalty just before half time.

The second half was all Dale, who kept the ball in hand. The forward play was top class with Warren Brett outstanding in the loose. Craig Gombert was a tower of strength in the line-outs. Dale seconds beat Selborne 18-6.

A RECORD SCORE SINKS SELBORNE

Dale won their second encounter of the season by a record 40 points to 19, scoring six tries to Selborne's three and with fullback Vermaak contributing a personal tally of 15 points.

Dale's four first-half tries came from flanker Kaunda Ntunja (2) and one each from wing Sishuba and Vermaak, who converted his own and both Ntunja's tries. The half-time score (26-12) included two tries scored by Selborne scrumhalf K Siwahla.

In the second half Selborne scored a converted try and Dale bounced back with a second by Sishuba. Repeated injuries slowed the game down

until Dale centre Simpiwe Vimbayo crashed through under the posts after sustained pressure on the defence. Vermaak was again on target.

Commenting on the game, Kei Mercury rugby writer Brian McLean said Selborne was no match for Dale. "Selborne struggled to counter the Dale strategy of bringing in either fullback Francois Vermaak or a blindside winger into their backline when on attack, which often gave them an overlap. The lightning speed with which the Dale three quarters transferred the ball to their wings was also impressive as was the hard running by wings Vuyo Sishuba and Simpiwe Vimbayo.

"But when it came to sheer heart, it would take a lot to match the efforts of Dale captain and flanker Warren Brett. He was always around to clean up in the loose and to motivate."

Dale lead Queen's by one win after 148 games

BY BEATING Queen's College 20-nil in their 147th clash at Reunion 2000, Dale equalled the number of wins by both sides at 65 games each. In the return match, Dale's second victory put them just ahead. Dale have now scored 1 345 points and Queen's 1 189 after 148 games.

The first half was somewhat scrappy, with penalties being awarded to both sides. Fullback Francois Vermaak slotted the first successful penalty for Dale to lead 3-nil at half-time.

In the second half Dale scored two tries by lock Craig Gombert and right wing Luthando

Mondliwa, both converted by Vermaak, who also goaled another penalty. Gombert's try followed a successful drive and excellent running by the Dale backs.

They were rewarded with a splendid try. A quick turnover ball was flicked to Mondliwa, who had joined the line on the left. He ran 40 metres before passing to No 8 Thando Gobe, who ran in behind the posts to score. Dale seconds won 24-0.

In the final match of the season against Queen's, Dale played good running rugby to score four tries to one. They finished clear winners on 29-8

after leading 12-nil at half-time.

First-half points came from centre Monde Zondeki, who ran 60 metres to score, and another by centre Simpiwe Vimbayo, converted by Vermaak.

In the second half Queen's scored a try after a 50-metre dash by their wing and goaled a penalty. Dale added 17 points with a penalty and two converted tries - one by Vermaak, and the final try by Dale's flyhalf. Vermaak kicked both conversions and the penalty.

• In other games Dale ...

LOST to Brandwag HS 12-27
LOST to Waterkloof HS 14-22
LOST to Grey HS 20-25
LOST to Bishops 10-22
LOST to Michaelhouse 19-22
BEAT Jeppe 27-14
BEAT Port Rex 19-8
BEAT Hudson Park 39-0
BEAT Grens 43-7
BEAT Widnes (England) 99-0
BEAT Framesby 43-3
LOST to Danie Pienaar 17-27
BEAT Cambridge 79-3

Dale let Affies off the hook

DALE faded in the second half after leading Affies by 14-8 at half time and later by 17-11. The first half belonged to Dale after Affies scored an unconverted try five minutes into the match.

Brilliant play brought Dale tries by centre Monde Zondeki and wing Luthando Mondliwa. Fullback Francois Vermaak converted both and kicked a penalty. Monument replied with a penalty on half-time.

But Affies dominated the second half, scoring

a penalty and three tries by their wings and scrumhalf, one of which was converted. Dale could only manage a penalty by Vermaak.

The Affies forwards placed Dale under tremendous pressure and as they gained more momentum the Daliens looked tired after playing two games in a week.

The second half belonged to Affies. Had Dale maintained their early form they might not have lost. The final score was 17-28.

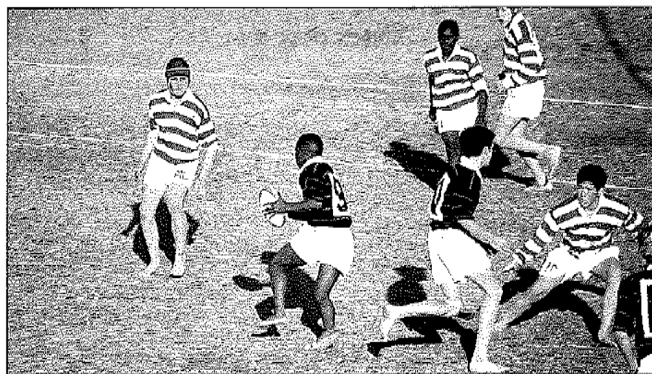
THE UPS AND DOWNS OF DALE RUGBY IN 2000

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Dale Junior's barefoot dazzlers tot up 856 points against 26



HAPPY LADS (from left): Guy Ranger, David Turnbull, Dewald Vermaak, Keegan Rhind, Grant Gerber and Richard Newman. In front: Maliviwe (Junior) Bata



TAKING THE GAP: Scrumhalf Mandilakhe Tile with flyhalf Guy Ranger on his right. Tile played for Border A and Ranger was vice-captain of Border B in Craven Week.

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THEIR results speak for themselves: Played 20, won 20, lost 0, drew 0. Points for: 856, Points against: 26. This year's Dale Junior Under 13As are rated the most successful team of their age in the school's history.

Headmaster Mile Hosty and coach Carl Spilhaus hold this view with justifiable pride. Equally proud assistant coach Fambai Marara says the team had "probably one of the best seasons for any primary school on the Border and even in the country."

The points tally is even more remarkable when one considers that it included no penalties. Junior Craven Week rules forbid kicking for posts and this is also observed by primary school teams in other matches except in Natal and Cape Town.

Even when playing in the Durban Prep festival Dale Junior preferred to keep the game open and did not kick for posts.

Conversions in Durban were a less-successful part of their game, partly because many tries were scored in the corner. Another possible reason was that for the first time the Dale Under13s were playing in boots. Like other Border junior sides they are used to playing barefoot.

What were the Under 13s' strengths?

Carl Spilhaus believes that although they included some very talented players, they played as a team, trained hard and were fitter than the other sides. "They played for each other and for the school to succeed," he says. "They had great passion for Dale Junior and tremendous pride in their performance."

Chris Groom, who coached the side as Under 12As last season when they were also unbeaten, said the Under 13s were very goal-orientated. "They had high goals, practised hard and went out and did the job."

There had been unbeaten Under 13s before, but they had not played as many games nor had the same exposure in other parts of the country.

Thirteen of the team represented Border A and B in Craven Week and a Dale Junior player captained each team.

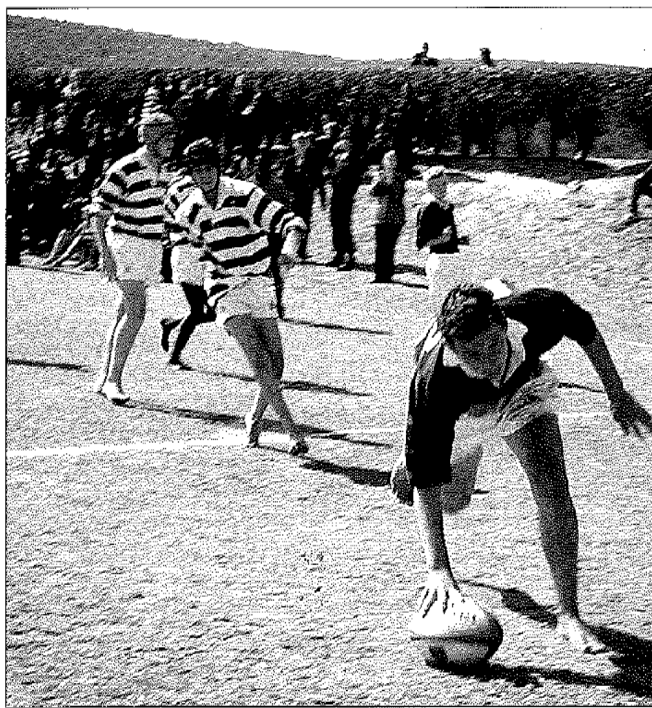
"We can't recall being close to this number even when there were three Border teams in the tournament," says Carl, who has coached Dale Junior sides for four seasons and the A side for the last two.

All the players intend going on to Dale College next year. He believes that if they are looked after and work harder they could be an unbeaten Dale first team one day.

Six or seven of them have been highly rated by Jake White, technical adviser to the Springboks and the Natal Sharks.

Carl considers that the team played their best rugby in their second game against Grey (PE), whom they beat 44-7, and in their 47-7 victory over Bishops at the Durban Prep festival. These,

Fullback Grant Gerber dots down against Selborne



from a rugby point of view, were for Carl the highlights of the season.

The Durban tour – in which Dale scored 170 points to seven in three games played over three days – was "very special," he says. In two of the games Dale were so far ahead that the referee blew the final whistle ten minutes early.

An enthusiastic group of parents accompanied the tourists. They included Ken and Amanda Vermaak (whose son Dewald captained the side and whose elder son Francois plays fullback for Dale firsts) and Ray and Sandy Ranger, whose son Guy was vice-captain.

Others were Ross and Jenny Gerber, Xolile and Nomsisa Bata, Dave and Gardi Newman, Derek Green and Dean Rhind and a whole family of Turnbolls from Gauteng and East London.

Grant and Lesley and their daughter Cheree were joined by Grant's parents Dave and Tessa, founder members of the TransDale Parents' Association. Natal Old Dalian supporters included Dave's elder brother Ewen (with his wife Jacqui), Scotty Macaulay, Trevor

Macdonald, Gordon Cameron and Stuart Sutton.

Parents also gave strong support on other tours to festivals in Queenstown and Graaff-Reinet.

In a report on the season assistant coach Fambai Marara, a student teacher at Dale Junior, rated the team's consistency as a major factor in their success.

The backs and forwards were well-balanced, with the forwards providing good ball for the backs who played entertaining running rugby.

He said credit was due to coach Carl Spilhaus, who had spent many hours on the rugby field to get the team to "this level of excellence." His hard work had been rewarded by his selection as the Border Craven Week Under 13A coach for the second year running.

In each game the team improved, matured together and everyone did his bit for the team. Fullback Grant Gerber, flanker Alex Irumba and scrumhalf Mandilakhe Tile had a very good Craven Week tournament and the rest of Dale's

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UNBEATEN in 20 games

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representatives were also head and shoulders above the other players.

The Under 13As began their 2000 campaign with an impressive display at the Queen's festival, defeating a Queenstown Development side 52-0, Graeme 25-0 and Grey (PE) 15-0 – for the first time since they were Under 9s.

At the Union High festival in Graaff-Reinet, Dale Junior showed their consistency by beating Union High Invitation XV 37-5 and Onze Rust 52-0. Off the field the players were great ambassadors for Dale and received many compliments.

At the Durban Prep festival to celebrate the school's 90th anniversary, Dale played three games in three days. They overwhelmed a physically smaller Northlands Primary side 72-0, but on the next day they beat an equally big Bishops side 47-7 in probably the most physical game of the season.

In the last match against a Durban Development XV "there were some telling tackles" and Dale won 51-0. "We played hard and they seemed to give up early."

During the regular season Dale beat Selborne and Queen's twice. Selborne went down 20-0 and 38-0 in a "fierce battle." The Reunion game against Queen's, which Dale won 47-0, drew an impressive number of spectators, mostly Old Dalians. "It was great to hear the positive comments from the spectators about the Dale Under 13 side."

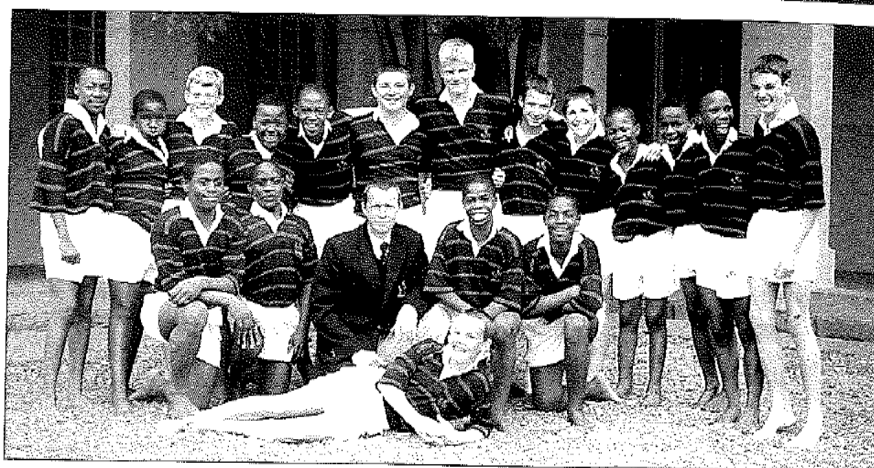
The superb season ended with a 41-0 victory over Queen's.

Off the field the boys' manners were exemplary and they were good ambassadors for Dale, said Fambai in his report.

• In his younger days Carl played club rugby in Cape Town and for Paarl Teachers' College. He says the Dale Junior Under 13s are one of the best teams he has been associated with in his ten years of coaching.

IN OTHER MATCHES

- v Makinana – won 42-0
- v Stirling – won 46-0
- v Gonubie – won 52-7
- v Stirling – won 56-0
- v Charles Morgan – won 51-0
- v Hudson Park – won 24-0
- v Grens – won 44-0



THE CHAMPIONS ... Back row (from left): Malliviwe (Junior) Bata, Asa Simanga, Richard Newman, Lwazi Ndyoko, Sinethemba Tsipa, Keegan Rhind, Dewald Vermaak (captain), Grant Gerber, Michael Green, Hlumelo Maku, Anda Tyali, Mandilakhe Tile, Guy Ranger. Front row: Vuyo Mpalala, Alex Irumba, Carl Spiihaus (coach), Vuyo Ntubeni, Olwethu Mekuto. In front: David Turnbull



AMADODA! Grant Gerber leads the Dale Under 13s in the War Cry before a game

BORDER BOYS Unbeaten Under 12s:

EIGHT Dale Junior players were selected for the Border Craven Week Under 13A side: Dewald Vermaak (Border A captain), Lwazi Ndyoko, Keegan Rhind, David Turnbull, Alex Irumba, Mandilakhe Tile, Vuyo Mpalala, Grant Gerber.

Five were chosen for the Border B side: Guy Ranger (captain), Asa Samanga, Sinethemba Tsipa, Michael Green and Richard Newman.

DALE JUNIOR'S Under 12A team also went through the season unbeaten. They won 11 of their 11 matches, drew 0 and scored 319 points against their opponents' 17.

Like the Under 13As they beat Queen's and Selborne twice, scoring altogether 90 points against 0.

Three of the team Maphelo Mpondo, Athi Magwebu and Bradwell Burger were selected for the Coastal Sharks Nike Under 12 side, which was coached by the Dale under 12A coach, Chris Groom.

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'Dale First XI is one of our most talented sides for a long time'

THE DALE First Cricket XI of the 1999-2000 season was probably one of the most talented all-round sides to represent the college for a long time, says coach and sports administrator Marco van Zyl.

The side won eight of their 18 matches and lost three. Two were drawn and five produced no result. Some did not start because of rain.

Dale lost one match against Selborne and were robbed by rain in the drawn second. Both games against Queen's were rained out.

The most successful batsmen were Abongile Sodumo, who scored 474 runs with an average of 31.6, and Shane Friederichs with 506 runs and an average of 29.9. Each scored a century and two fifties.

Fast bowler Monde Zondeki topped the bowling averages for the second successive season. He took 22 wickets in 95 overs at a cost of 258 runs - an average of 11.7 runs per wicket and only 2.7 per over. Zondeki's best performance was four for 25 against Cambridge.

Shane Friederichs, who took six for 31 runs against St Andrew's, ended the season with a tally of 19 wickets for 236 runs - an average of 12.4 and 3.2 runs an over.

Donovan Lentz, with an average of 13.4, took 19 wickets for 254 runs. This included an outstanding haul of eight for 32. Others who stood out were batsmen Francois Vermaak and Athi Dyili.

The team began the season slowly and did not play to their full potential until later in the season. In the first half Dale won four games, lost three and drew one. Four were rained out.

The second half was a turnaround. Dale won four out of five matches played and one was drawn. One other was rained out. The highest score against Dale was 155 runs.

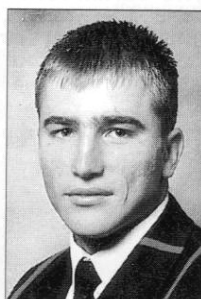
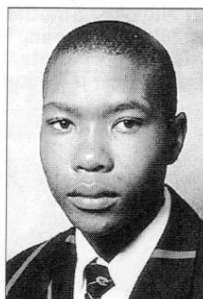
The first outing against an average Union High side ended up a tight game with Dale batsmen throwing their wickets away. Sodumo scored 44 and Lentz 37 in Dale's 163 for eight wickets. Zondeki took three wickets for 13. Dale won by two wickets.

The first two matches in the Cape Schools Week hosted by Bishops were rained out after Dale had made a good start (110 for three against Wynberg, with Friederichs scoring 54 and Sodumo an undefeated 50). Vermaak had scored 33 in Dale's 93 for three when play against Jeppe was abandoned.

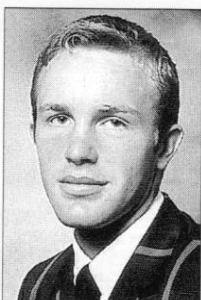
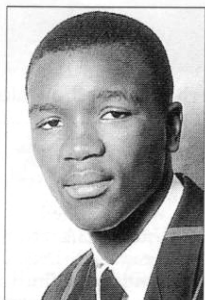
Dale dismissed SACS for 163 runs but could reach only 120 after batsmen threw their wickets away. Seven were caught. Vermaak was undefeated with 55 and Steven Poortman, Dale's next Exeter Cathedral School Scholar, took three for 22.

The last match of the tournament was drawn with Dale scoring 241 for seven and Kimberley 158 for six. Friederichs top-scored with 63, Poortman 55 and Athi Dyili 50.

A TEAM FULL OF CRICKET PROMISE



BATSMEN Abongile Sodumo and Francois Vermaak



BOWLERS Monde Zondeki and Donovan Lentz

Dale batsmen failed against Selborne and were dismissed for 176. Selborne passed this with two wickets down, both falling to Lentz. Matches against Queen's and St Andrew's (Bloemfontein) were rained out.

Dale batsmen struggled against Daniel Pienaar of Uitenhage, scoring only 153 runs. But Donovan Lentz, who had top-scored with

53, showed a big heart on a hot day to claim eight wickets for 32 runs. Dale won by 20 runs.

Shane Friederichs, with 122 and Monde Zondeki (four for 25), turned in their season's best for Dale to beat Cambridge by 110 runs after Dale had put on 247 for six.

In the season's biggest disappointment Dale paid for their complacency by losing to an average Hudson Park team. After dismissing Dale for 187 the East London school passed this score with nine wickets down, thanks to ill-disciplined bowling which made field placement difficult. Zondeki was the best Dale bowler with three for 37.

In limited-overs game - the last of 1999 - Dale scored 198 for nine in 50 overs and bowled and fielded well to dismiss a strong St Andrew's side for 107. Friederichs bowled exceptionally well to take six for 31.

Led by Vermaak, 73, Friederichs, 53, and Sodumo, 42, the Dalians reached 260 for eight in their 50 overs against Cambridge. With Zondeki claiming three for 22, Cambridge managed 134 for seven and Dale won by 126 runs.

Dale went on to beat Stirling by nine wickets. Stirling crashed to 136 with Zondeki taking three for 23 and Dale replied with 138 for one in just 20 overs. Sodumo top-scored with 75 not out and Dyili was undefeated on 39.

Batting first against Muir on an under-prepared pitch, Dale were all out for 164. A blitzkrieg by Dale bowlers had Muir five down for 19, but they recovered to total 127. Dale won by 37 runs.

Grant Howell batted well in difficult conditions to score 56. The most successful bowlers were Luanda Mpande (three for 12) and Friederichs (four for 21).

There was sweet revenge against Hudson Park, who were shot out for 124. Dale passed this total for the loss of one wicket. Friederichs, with three for ten, and Thembele Mbada, two for 22, were the best of the bowlers. Sodumo hit 44 not out, Friederichs 39 and Dyili 35 not out. Dale won by nine wickets.

Rain and bad light robbed Dale of a comfortable win over Selborne. Because of the light Dale weren't allowed to use their fast bowlers. When rain stopped play Selborne were 155 for nine, trailing Dale's 207 (Friederichs 57, Dyili 56).

Morne Cloete took three wickets for 50 and Zondeki two for 16.

The Under 15 team continued their good form and ended the season unbeaten. Sithembele Makongola was their run machine, scoring four centuries in 11 games to finish with an average of 110. In the last five games Dale beat Cambridge by eight wickets, Stirling by 83 runs, Muir by 128, Hudson Park by 99 and Kingswood by 100.

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FORE! This strident warning call to golfers is probably heard more often at Observatory than any other course in Gauteng. Tucked in on the slopes of a Johannesburg suburb of that name, it has narrow, tree-lined fairways so close that if you hit offline it will end up amid the trees or on the adjoining fairway. Not for nothing is it also known as "Observatree!"

All this makes it a very friendly, sociable course. One frequently meets players who have sliced or hooked their drives coming up your fairway towards you. Second shots come flying over your head and some balls even end up on the wrong green. But most golfers are good-natured folk and take it all in good spirit.

These were the extra hazards faced by golfers in the 1999 TransDale parents' competition held at Observatory Golf Club. But no one was hurt and all seemed to enjoy their game.

The competition, a better-ball stableford, was won by two late entries, Observatory members Scottish-born Ian Mitchell and Englishman Gary Gelson, with 47 points

"I was relaxing at home when Ian phoned me and gave me half an hour to get to the club," said Gary, who hails originally from County Durham. "I got to the tee just in time and shot my best-ever round of 81 with 43 points on my own." Gary, then playing off a 17 handicap, still keeps the card as a souvenir. Ian, off six, carded an 82.

Old Dalian Garvin Ogden, playing off a two handicap, and his partner, Tony Kakoliris, off the maximum 18, combined well

Observatree!

TransDale golfers brave hazards at a friendly club where 'fore!' is par for the course



WINNERS Ian Mitchell (left) and Gary Gelson with the renamed Colman Foods Floating Trophy. Gary was on the tee just in time to play his best-ever round • Pictures: KEVIN WHITEHEAD

to match the 47 points and win second prize. Mitchell and Gelson were declared winners on a count-out.

The winners chose D V Taylor House to hold the Colman Foods Floating Trophy for a year. This is

the first time the Dale Junior hostel has been awarded the trophy since it was donated in 1986 as the SA Oil Mills Trophy. It was renamed last year after SA Oil Mills changed hands and the company name ceased to exist.

Colman Foods is one of the associate companies of Tiger Oats Ltd, which together donated R3 600 to the 1999 golf day. The group has been the main sponsor of the golf day for 14 years.

Tiger's other associated companies which contributed last year were: Albany Bakeries, Tastic Rice, Fattis & Monis, All Gold, Jungle Oats, Sunshine Margarine, Golden Cloud Flour and Black Cat Peanut Butter.

The other main sponsors were First National Bank and DNS, which each donated R600. Donations of R300 came from Omsa Valves and Dragoco.

Chris Mosely, who with his partner Jody Watson finished with 22 points to claim the prize for the most golf, topped this by winning the raffle for a weekend for two donated by the luxury Coach House resort in Tzaneen. The liquor hamper was won by Observatory Golf Club secretary Stewart Robinson.

Maureen McLeman and her son Neil not only won fourth prize with 41 points, but took home two individual prizes as well. Maureen hit the ladies' longest drive and Neil won the men's nearest-the-pin prize.

Russell Kenmuir, son of former TransDale parents' committee members Neville and Dawn Kenmuir, hit the longest drive. Former Dale parent Vicky D'Agnel, who has supported the tournament for many years, won the ladies' nearest-the-pin prize.

• Prize donors included Nestlé, Willard/Sagercy, Universal Music, Novara International, Nedbank Commercial, Times Media, Parcel Plus, Sappi Novobord, Vets Choice, Standard Bank and MAN Bus & Coach.



MOST GOLF winners Jody Watson (left) and Chris Mosely, who also won a holiday weekend raffle



RUNNER UP: Old Dalian Garvin Ogden ... he and his partner lost on a count-out



LUCKY WINNER: Club secretary Stewart Robinson brought home the booze hamper



FAMILY TEAM: Mother and son Maureen and Neil McLeman won fourth prize and individual prizes

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Old Dalian golfers retain trophy against Queen's and Selborne



FATHER AND SON: Old Dalian Brent and Old Queenian Brad Manson. Brad won first prize



FRIENDLY RIVALS: Old Selbornian Dave Macleod and Old Queenian Harold Atkinson



OLD FIRM: Partners Neville Padoa and Alan Davis ... among the prizewinners

We did it again – now it's six in a row!

WINNING for the sixth successive time, Gauteng Old Dalians retained the triangular golf trophy against Queen's and Selborne old boys in their traditional match this year.

Although Queen's and Selborne won the first three individual prizes, the Dale team returned the most prizewinners among the top ten players. Queen's scored one, Selborne three and Dale five, the remaining place being filled by a visitor.

Once again Old Dalian participation won the day. More than half of the 48 players were Old Dalians who brought home 13 of the 26 prizes awarded.

The competition was organised as usual by the Johannesburg Old Selbornian Association and played at Parkview Golf Club in February.

First prize on 43 points went to Old Queenian Brad Manson, playing off a six handicap, son of Old Dalian Brent Manson, who finished seventh.

Old Selbornians Andrew Stone (40 points) and Grant Jooste (37) were second and third, but Dale filled most of the remaining seven places to secure the trophy.



KEEPING THE CUP: Old Dalian captain Ivan Venter



NEAREST THE PIN: Grant Rau

The seven were: Old Dalians Grant Turnbull (35 points) and Neville Padoa (35), Selborne's Mickey Mallett (34), Old Dalians Brent Manson (34) and Alan Davis (32), a

guest player James Niebieszcinski (32), and Peter Wales of Old Dalians (also 32).

Among the other prizewinners were Old Dalians Vincent Turner (32 points), Alan Sutton (31), Dale Ladner and Rob Voerman (both 29), Kevin Dollery (27), Kim Copland (26), Ivan Venter and Dave Harris. A consolation prize went to Old Dalian Patrick Klebb for checking the scorecards.

An Old Dalian, Grant Rau (post-matric 1989), a late entry two days before the competition, won the nearest-the-pin prize with a brilliant tee shot on the 18th hole. He did not sink the putt and was not placed within the first 26 prizewinners in the competition.

The longest-day or the most-golf prize went to Old Queenian Charles Winshon on three points, but as, not surprisingly, he had gone home it was awarded to Andy Mallett on 13 points.

The raffle for a weekend away to a luxury resort was won by Dave Macleod, popular ex-chairman of the Johannesburg Old Selbornian Association, who chaired the after-match gathering. Match-fixing allegations were denied.



LAMB WINNER: Rob Voerman



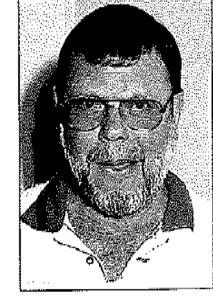
BOOZE WINNER: Alan Sutton



WINNERS: Visitors Bryan van der Schyff and Cheyenne Reynders ... on 46 points



MOST GOLF: Paul Hartigan



LUCKY DRAW: Vincent Turner

MORE than 80 players – a record number – turned out for this year's Gauteng Old Dalian golf tournament at Leeuwkop Club in June.

Old Dalians were more successful on the fringe than on the leadership stakes. They won raffles for liquor and meat, and prizes for lucky draws and (you've guessed it) the most golf.

The better-ball stableford competition was won by visitors Bryan van der Schyff, a regular Dale golf supporter, and his partner, Zimbabwean Cheyenne Reynders, on 46 points. Van der Schyff played off a 15 handicap and his partner a Zimbabwean 12.

In second place on 44 points were players listed only as Anton and Arnin. Third prize was won by regular Dale supporters, Old Kingwoodian

RECORD FIELD FOR OLD DALIAN GOLF

Andrew (Stok) Moorcroft and Old Rhodian Neville Krauss, on 43 points.

First Old Dalian home, in fourth place, was Rodney Fletcher on 42 points with his partner Charles Keylock, followed by Old Dalians Ross Field and Rob Voerman with 41. Another Old Dalian, Bobby Hains, carded 40 points with his partner and Dale supporter, Laurence Weber.

Beaten into eighth place on a count-out were former Dale parent Denis Larivière and partner Ed Montgomery, who was nearest the pin at the 18th.

The Old Dalians came into their own in the "special" awards. The prize for the most golf went to former Johannesburg Old Dalian chairman Paul Hartigan, whose partner, identified only as Jacques, had gone home.

Their score – 24 points, 16 of them on the first nine and a mere eight on the second – scraped home on a count-out, shading Old Dalian Brian Eeckout and his partner Robbie Johnson, who carded two rounds of 12 points each.

Rob Voerman won the draw for the half a lamb (donated by former butcher Alan Davis). Rob offered to swap it for the liquor hamper won by Alan Sutton until he spotted what he regarded as an inferior bottle of whisky. Alan, who must have shared this opinion, gave the bottle to his less-discerning father.

Where are they now?

WHEN we arrived in Sri Lanka on the 1st of July, there was nothing much happening, but as the tour progressed and the days went by, we've ventured out a bit into the city of Colombo to check out its features.

The Hilton Hotel has been a favourite place to visit for the boys, with the Blue Elephant Club being our place to hangout and kick back.

Most of the team went out on the night we lost the final to Sri Lanka and even though we had lost the match, we never allowed this to dampen our spirits and we had a good time. Even better as my baby boy Masimphe was born into the world.

It's amazing how most of the guys spend their free time browsing the shops and markets looking for the elusive "real deal." I found a place to buy a few CDs from, as well as some really cool material to take back with me and to have a suit made from.

Every tour has its difficult moments. In Australia, it's the continuous amount of flying one has to do; in England it's contending with the inclement weather, but here in Sri Lanka it's definitely the bus trips we have to take to get from place to place.

Sri Lanka roads are just like ours in Butterworth

By MAKHAYA NTINI
(In a message e-mailed to CricInfo from Sri Lanka, August 2, 2000)

Take for instance the bus ride up to Kandy, where we are at the moment. There is no keeping left and passing right, it's just go for the gap my China!

We have a policeman who rides ahead trying to direct the traffic out of our path but each time he makes a gap, it gets filled by another Lankan vehicle also trying to get somewhere through the maze of vehicles on the road.

I've never watched so much TV in all my life before. Here we have Channel V (an MTV-type music channel), Star-Movies or Star-World

to choose from or for the nature lovers like Lance (Klusener), there's National Geographic.

This gives you an impression of how we live on tour in the sub-continent, playing cricket by day and watching the box at night till you can't channel surf no more, with sleep coming slowly.

Tonight after play should be an interesting time as the Fizz* has challenged us "twelthies" to a four-kilometre uphill run up the hill to our hotel.

Le Kandyan Hotel is perched atop a lovely hill and the Fizz and

Corrie* did the run three days ago in 23 minutes. Remember that there is no "keep left, pass right."

In fact, these roads resemble the ones I know back in Butterworth, Transkei. Nor is there any level part of this hill-climb to rest up or recover again; it's uphill all the way for 4 ks.

Something else that has bothered me a bit on this tour is the nature of the Lankans when they want to get your attention. They don't call or gesture to you or ask, "excuse me" – they just make these sounds with their lips like a birdcall or a lip kiss as if you're calling your dog or cat at home.

At first it was irritating and we thought they were making fun of us, but then we realised that this was just their nature and now we take no further notice. So far I've enjoyed the trip and will take with me some more experience of touring the sub-continent.

This is Makhaya Ntini signing off for CricInfo. Cheerio.

* The Fizz is physiotherapist Craig Smith. Corrie is bowling coach Corrie van Zyl, former SA fast bowler.

Ntini bounces back after ordeal

OLD DALIAN Makhaya Ntini is on the comeback trail, though he may find it, as the song goes, "a long and winding road." The first black cricketer to win a South African Test cap has made a promising, if inconsistent, return to world cricket.

Cleared of the rape charge that led to his temporary suspension, he has played in five international series and been awarded a two-year contract as part of the national Test and one-day squad. This month he was in Kenya for the International Cricket Council Knock Out Trophy series.

Makhaya seems to have put his 20-month legal ordeal behind him, but one reputable cricket critic has raised the question: Where does he go from here? (See report below.)

Here are some of the high points and low points in Ntini's career since his appeal was upheld by the High Court:

His unbeaten 34 in a defiant tenth-wicket stand of 63 off 79 balls for Border in the Supersport Trophy final against Gauteng. Despite this Border lost.

His unsavoury on-field sledging exchange with Old Queenian fellow international Darryl Cullinan, which led to both being suspended by the United Cricket Board for "bringing the game into disrepute."

The booing by parts of the Wanderers crowd when he was chosen for the SA squad for the three-nation Sharjah Cup.

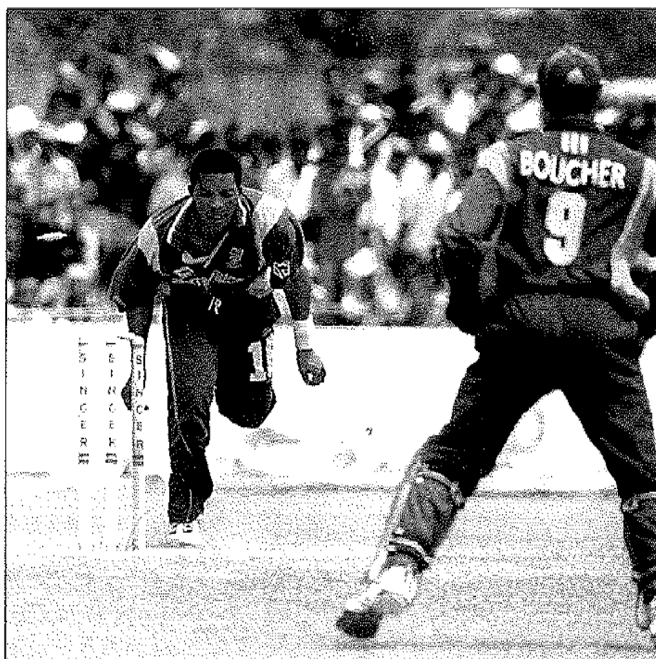
His dramatic comeback, taking three for 36 to spark a South African record ten-wicket victory over India in the opening match of the one-day Sharjah series. This was Ntini's first international appearance since August 1998.

He slowed down free-scoring Indian batsmen Sachin Tendulkar and Mohammed Azharuddin in SA's third match before they were both run out, one of them while Makhaya was bowling.

Commentators, including former Australian Test player Ian Chappell, praised his tight bowling, which put pressure on the batsmen and led

Makhaya Ntini runs out a Sri Lankan batsman as wicket-keeper Mark Boucher looks on during the triangular one-day tournament in Galle, Sri Lanka.

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What now Makhaya? Fast or fast-medium seamer?

By PETER ROBINSON

FOR a 23-year-old, Makhaya Ntini has had a fair bit to contend with during his young life. A product of the United Cricket Board's development programme, Ntini was discovered as a cattleherd in the Eastern Cape, given a pair of boots and packed off to Dale College, one of the country's best-regarded cricketing nurseries.

With an action consciously modelled on that of Malcolm Marshall, Ntini found himself touring Australia at the end of 1997 when Roger Telemachus failed a fitness test.

He made his South African one-day debut at Perth in early 1998, bowling well in helpful conditions and his Test debut came against Sri Lanka in

the same year.

In 1999, however, Ntini was charged and initially convicted of rape. He steadfastly maintained his innocence and was subsequently acquitted on appeal. It was, though, a harrowing ordeal for the first black African cricketer to play for South Africa and it is to his credit that he has been able to rebuild his career.

He was not chosen for South Africa again until the Sharjah tournament earlier this year where he both surprised and impressed observers with greater control than had been evident previously.

He carried his Sharjah form over to the three one-dayers against Australia in April this year, again bowling impressively.

Quite obviously, Ntini has bounced back from his troubles, but it is less clear what role he needs to play in the future.

Slippery enough to make batsmen hop around on fast, grassy wickets, Ntini is a little short of the genuine pace of a Brett Lee or a Shoaib Akhtar. At the same time, his ability to bowl sustained line and length over long periods has also not yet been fully proven.

Should he try to establish himself as a genuine fast bowler or a fast-medium seamer? He may need some guidance before he finally decides what he wants to be.

(Written in July for Internet sports site CricInfo, which is contracted to the United Cricket Board.)

Where are they now?

Dale's David in fibre industry first

DAVID TURNER (1981-84) is pioneering South African production of world-class fibre products after importing a R6-million machine – the first of its kind in the country and one of only a few world-wide.

Thanks to his enterprise South Africa can now produce for the first time world-class fibre products after installing the glass-stitching machine at his factory in Meadowdale, Germiston.

A director of Wade Fibres, David is the son of Drew and Inez Turner, of Kensington, who were committee members of the TransDale Parents' Association while he was at the school.

He sees a potential market in South Africa for products in the marine and automotive industries which can be used locally and exported.

David is negotiating with clients in Europe and the United States who are turning from woven to stitching products because of the higher strength and lightness of stitched fabrics. His achievements were reported recently in an article in Martin Creamer's Engineering News.

In another side of his business David's company bought the South African Pepsi plant and sold it to a firm in Siberia in 1998. After shipping it to Russia he accompanied a team there to help install it. Now he is negotiating to export a can-manufacturing plant to the same interests in Russia.

On the way up with Big Macs

STEPHEN MAWDSLEY (1994-98), who left South Africa after matriculating, has been promoted to floor manager of a branch of Macdonalds south of Manchester, England.

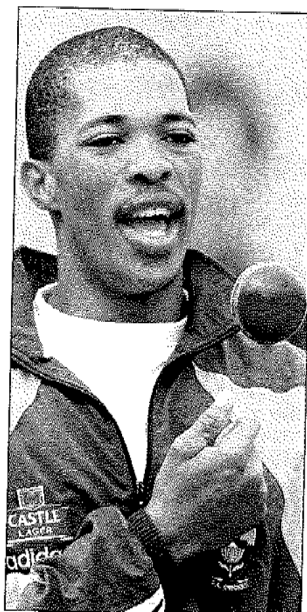
His parents, Paul and Joanna Mawdsley, who now live in Bury, Lancashire, were committee members of the TransDale Parents' Association for four years before they returned to Britain with their family in 1998.

Joanna said that apart from Stephen's "small rise and the promotion he is just as proud of the blue shirt he now wears."

His boarding school days at Dale were standing him in good stead when dealing with employees' misbehaviour, she said. When he left his previous branch in Manchester's Trafford Centre, Stephen invited 60 colleagues to his farewell.

Earlier this year Stephen was nominated as the branch's "employee of the year" out of 200 employees. He reached the top ten in regional finals. Now his parents are considering sending him to university.

Paul is working for a contracting company and Joanna has been appointed manager of a local business centre.



ON THE BALL ... Makhaya Ntini troubles top batsmen
• Picture: Independent Newspapers

Ackie now SA selector

OLD Dalian cricket star HYLTON ACKERMAN (matric class 1965) has joined the national selectors' panel and coached the South African A team on their West Indian tour.

This follows a long career of Currie Cup and English county cricket and coaching for Western Province, Boland and the Plascon Academy, now regarded as a nursery for future Test cricketers.

Hylton was chosen for the SA tour of Australia in 1972/73 and would have been a Test cricketer had the tour not been cancelled for political reasons.

He played for a Rest of the World XI against Australia and made a century on debut in Brisbane in what has been

CRITICS COMMEND NTINI'S BOWLING

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indirectly to the run-outs. "Ntini bowled well and gave away absolutely nothing," said Chappell.

In a one-day international against Australia at Kingsmead, Ntini claimed the wickets of Steve Waugh, Michael Bevan, Alan Symonds and Shane Warne.

Old Selbomian Mark Boucher took five catches behind the stumps. Four were off the bowling of his Border team-mate, who returned his best figures at this level of 4/56. South Africa won the match decisively.

At Newlands, where Australia thrashed South Africa in a low-scoring game, Ntini dismissed Australian top-scorer Damien Martyn (50).

In the final international, which SA won, Ntini bowled ten overs for 30 runs without reward, but both top-scorer Steve Waugh and Michael Bevan were dropped off his bowling.

Commented *The Star's* Guy Hawthorne: "As well as he played, Waugh, like his team-mates, found Makhaya Ntini difficult to handle.

"The Border paceman had a superb series, capped by yet another impressive performance when he finished with 0/30 in ten overs in which he could have had at least a couple of wickets."

"Ntini's form has been extremely impressive since his return to the Proteas," said *The Star's* Jermaine Craig, reporting on the selection of the 16-man squad for Sri Lanka and Australia.

At Galle, where SA were beaten by 37 runs in the triangular series, Ntini dismissed Sri Lanka's second top-scorer Avishka Gunawardena, (caught Boucher). He ran out top-scoring Kumara Sangakkara off his own bowling for 84. But in eight overs he bowled five wides.

In Melbourne, Ntini dismissed Australian top-scorer Adam Gilchrist at a crucial stage of the third match of the indoor series, which South Africa won by eight runs.

Gilchrist was in full flight to take the game away from SA when he skied a ball and was caught for 63. Ntini took one for 19 in six overs.

In the one game he played against Pakistan in the three-match series in Singapore, Ntini was wicketless. His six overs cost 27 runs. Pakistan won the series.

Ntini's bowling may be variable, but he continues to dismiss key batsmen at crucial times. Unfortunately he did not play in either of SA's two matches in the ICC Knock Out series in Nairobi, but his future form will be watched with interest.

Exeter Scholar Steven excels

STEVEN POORTMAN, this year's Dale Exeter Scholar, is "having a great time" in England, excelling at cricket, coaching several sports and even teaching maths.

Steven, who is spending a year at Exeter Cathedral School, is the son of Jan and Cecily Poortman of King William's Town.

During the summer he played for Exeter St James Cricket Club in a premier league, top scoring with 127 balls and taking five wickets for ten runs in one 13-over spell – a club record.

The club asked him to return next year as their international player but Steven plans to start engineering studies at Stellenbosch University.

This year he coached cricket, hockey, soccer, tennis, swimming and now also rugby at Exeter Cathedral School. He also takes physical education classes.

At Dale, Steven won academic honours, colours for cricket and hockey and half colours for golf. He also played for the first team in shooting and squash, and represented Border at cricket, hockey and squash at various levels. He obtained an A aggregate in his matric exams.

AFTER 38 YEARS ... SHANE SHATTERS HYLTON'S RECORD

CRICKET all-rounder Shane Friedrichs, chosen as Dale's Exeter Scholar for next year, has broken Hylton Ackerman's 38-year-old batting record by scoring 228 not out in a first team game.

Ackerman scored 200 not out for Dale against a Bedford and District Cricket Club XI in 1962. Friedrichs also broke the record for the highest score by a Dalian in an inter-schools' match. This was held by Gary Boucher, who scored 171 against Cambridge High in 1971.

Friedrichs scored his record total against Rondebosch Boys' High in the Cape Schools Week during the September holidays. Dale amassed a total of 324 for four to which Rondebosch replied with 282 for six.

Francois Vermaak hit 62 not out.

In an earlier match opening batsman Shane scored 123 not out when Dale passed Kimberley Boys' High's score of 170 in 20 overs.

In other Cape festival games Dale scored 279 for four and dismissed Potchefstroom Boys' High for 80, and drew with Wynberg Boys' High. Wynberg scored 280 for seven and Dale replied with 183 for three (Vermaak 76, Donovan Lenz 64).

Shane, who started playing for the Dale First XI while in Std 7 in 1997, captained the South African Under 17 team last year. His previous highest score had been 122 against Cambridge High.

• A team full of cricket promise – See Page 34.

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Where are they now?

White lions!

The dream pride of former Dale parents Rusty and Janice Gibb

FORMER leading TransDale parents RUSTY and JANICE GIBB are breaking new ground in wild-life genetic development by trying to breed a pride of endangered white lions in the Eastern Cape.

The Gibbs, who own Seaview Game Park, near Port Elizabeth, adopted a half-white lion, named Jady, from the Ubebezi Game Park, in July 1999.

And thanks to the amorous advances of lionesses at the park and Jady's own inclinations he has become a proud dad of 30 cubs (15 males and 15 females) in seven months.

When TransDale visited the game park earlier this year these included four cuddly ten-day-old cubs, four aged two-and-a-half months, 14 from three-and-a-half to four-and-a-half months. For an extra R35, visitors to the park, including foreign tourists, were fondling the younger lion cubs kept in a special enclosure.

In their lion camp there were nine mature lionesses and three males of which Jady was the only one with a white gene. Since then two further litters – of five and three cubs – have been born. The last three, all females, brought the total to 30.

The Gibbs' white-lion development has been featured in EP Newspapers' daily, the EP Herald, their other publication, East Cape Weekend, and on television – Carte Blanche, e.tv and on the DStv Rolf Harris Show.

With every litter, as Jady is mated with more of his offspring, the cubs become whiter. Human inbreeding hazards do not apparently apply in the wild.

"We could have to wait for the next two generations before we see a white cub, which could take two-and-a-half years," said Rusty.

The beautiful white lions, believed to be the only 30 left in the world, were discovered in the Timbavati Game Reserve near the Kruger National Park in 1975.

Jady, a tawny-coloured male, owned by Dr Ron Brown of Lake Matthews, California, is being kept in an enclosure with six demanding lionesses.

Rusty and Dr Brown have agreed that while Jady lives at Seaview Game Park all offspring born there will be shared evenly between them.

Jady has been working hard since his arrival in Port Elizabeth. Rusty said he was mating the cubs with Jady holding the recessive white gene and hopeful they would eventually be able to breed white lions.

He said the breeding had good commercial prospects. It would attract more people to the park and there was a huge demand for white lions in overseas zoos.

• Rusty Gibb was chairman of the TransDale Parents' Association for four years in the '80s when their sons were at Dale. Both he and Janice hold the



AS HUNGRY AS A LION: Game park owner Rusty Gibb and Miss Port Elizabeth, Cheryl-Ann Lee, feeding lion cubs Ize and Tavi at the park, where white lions are being bred

• Picture: MIKE HOLMES, EP Herald

Per Ardua Award for dedicated service to Dale College. They moved to the Eastern Cape in 1997 after Rusty retired from 40 years in banking and the Johannesburg "rat race" to find "peace in the wild."

• The Gibbs' wandering son, OLIVER (matric class 1994) featured in last year's TransDale as the "Twickenham Streaker," left Britain for Australia last November. After working as a farm labourer near Brisbane, he has moved on to Airlie, a small town in Queensland, Darwin and Alice Springs. He is now working in Melbourne. After a year in Australia he plans to head for Canada.

• Elder brother DOMINIC (1992) is working for a plumbing firm in London and studying computer technology in his spare time. His parents think he will eventually return to their game park as he is a wild life fan.

A RIDE ON THE WILD SIDE LANDS OUR RUSTY IN TROUBLE

RUSTY GIBB was in hot water this year for "illegally transporting" four lion cubs from his game park to an official tourist function in Port Elizabeth – but the charges which could have cost him a R10 000 fine were dropped.

A newspaper picture of the cubs in the arms of Eastern Cape Premier Makhakesi Stofile and Transnet chief Saki Macazoma apparently led to a complaint by the provincial nature conservation department.

The glitzy function on the Blue Train made front-page news in the Port Elizabeth newspaper, the Herald.

Tourism Port Elizabeth, which organised the event with Spoornet and The Network, a group of tourism bodies, said the lions were intended to "showcase the 'wild game' potential of the area."

Rusty, who owns Seaview Game Park, told the Herald that he took the cubs in a portable cage to the function at the request of the organisers, but there was insufficient time to get a permit to transport them. The six-week-old lions posed no danger.

The prosecution decided to drop the charges because it was "not worth it." Because of the

justice system's overcrowded court rolls all cases had to be screened carefully.

"In the light of this what interest of the community would be served if we prosecuted?" said senior public prosecutor Hannelie Bakker.

Rusty, who had been visited by the police and planned to contest the charge in court, said he was very pleased with the outcome.

There were lions from Gauteng at the Cape Easter Show and their owners didn't have any problems. "If the zoo in East London wants to travel to promote its lions, it does so."

DAVID MOIR, who came to Dale from Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia) in the early fifties, this year received the CBE – Commander (of the Order) of the British Empire – at Buckingham Palace. He earned this prestigious award for financial services to British interests in Asia for many years.

David, who was at Dale from 1953 to 1957, is group executive director of Standard Chartered Bank, a worldwide banking group with headquarters from London. He has been with the company for 42 years, the past seven as a director on the main board.

Based in Singapore since 1988, he has been responsible for the bank's financial services in Asia.

Garth Philpott (1960) told TransDale that he used to travel with David by train from Northern Rhodesia to

Old Dalian David Moir wins CBE for services in Asia

school in King William's Town in the 1950s. ("We had two coachloads of Daliens and the journey took five days"). Garth came from the Copperbelt and David got on the train at Livingstone.

After serving in several branches of Standard Chartered Bank in Northern Rhodesia (Zambia), Nyasaland (Malawi), Botswana and Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe), David was transferred to the Far East. He lived there for many years, mainly in Hong Kong, Malaysia and Singapore.

Throughout his career, David has visited almost 60 countries, some only

once and others many times. "This in itself has been a wonderful education," he said.

There is no doubt in David's mind that his years at Dale laid a firm foundation for a successful career in banking.

David has a home in Singapore, another in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and a seaside house in Southbroom on the KwaZulu-Natal South Coast, which he visits twice a year.

Garth Philpott has retired to Southbroom after more than 20 years as a geologist with JCI in South Africa and Zambia.



HONOURED: David Moir, CBE

PROMINENT Old Dalian Sid Knott, tragically widowed two years ago, has found new happiness with an old friend he courted more than 40 years ago.

Sid, a former ODU national president and Border cricket star, married Margaret Spence, a widow, on February 19 in Vancouver, Canada, where she had been living for 25 years.

Margaret lost her husband Malcolm Spence, an Old Queenian, in 1990. Sid's wife Sheila died in a car accident in East London on the opening day of the 1998 Dale Reunion. Killed with her were the Knotts' daughter-in-law, Joy, wife of their elder son Donald, and their domestic worker, Nonkoliswa Moyaka.

Sid and Margaret regard their meeting after 42 years as "little short of miraculous." Both were leading busy lives, Sid in farming, Margaret in North American tourism.

A former Border swimmer, Margaret was headgirl of the East London Technical College, where she matriculated after moving from the E.L. Girls' High School (now Clarendon High). Sid was headboy of Dale in 1951.

"We were courting from 1956 to 1957, but had a bust-up and did not see each other for many years," said Sid, who played cricket for Border and went farming after working in insurance.

In touch again since early last year, they met in London last November after Sid attended the Rugby World Cup. They toured Ireland, joined by Sid's younger son Robin, who lives in London, and a farming friend, Barry Wood of Gonubie, East London.

Margaret returned to Canada after spending a month in South Africa and their marriage in Vancouver followed two months later.

Sid and Margaret have settled on Wolseley Estate, the farm he owns adjoining Lyndhurst, the family farm which Sid sold two years ago.

Margaret and her first husband, Malcolm, emigrated to Canada in 1975 with their three children. Malcolm was then a partner in a large law firm in Cape Town. They felt their children

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After 42 years ... Sid and Margaret tie the Knott



would have better opportunities and a more secure future in Canada.

Her decision to return to South Africa after 25 years in Canada was "not without its challenges," she says. Firmly bonded with her children and grandchildren the loss of easy access to them was daunting.

"With their encouragement the choice to share Sid's life was made and is proving to be the correct one."

Margaret was fortunate in making a trip back to South Africa about every four years. She always regarded South Africa as "home" as all her siblings and their families live here.

Life on the farm is a new experience for Margaret, made easier by the warm and ongoing welcome of family, friends and the Kei Road community. She feels she is still on a "learning curve" as nothing relates to her life a few months ago. She finds the beauty of the Eastern Cape and the sunny weather "easy to handle."

Donald Knott farms with his dad on Wolseley Estate. He and his son Taylor and daughter Chelsea, who survived the fatal accident, share the large house with Sid and Margaret.

The children are thriving. Taylor, 8, attends Merrifield School and Chelsea, 5, who has recovered from her injuries, is at Playways primary school, both in East London.

Sid's daughter Judith Sheard lives in Nieuw-Bethesda, near Graaff-Reinet. Margaret has a son Dallas living at Margaret River, Western Australia, and a daughter Shelley and younger son Angus in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Barry Wood claims to be the only Transkeian Wood "with any grey matter - largely because he attended Grey High School, Port Elizabeth, and not Dale." He has farming interests in the Kei Road district.

TEAMED UP: Former headboy and head-girl Sid and Margaret Knott, pictured at the 2000 Dale Reunion

OLD DALIANS from the 1940s era lunched together in Sea Point, Cape Town, in April. They were (from left) Joe Sutton (1944), visiting the Cape from Gauteng, Brian Hurn (1949) of Somerset West, Wallace van Zyl (1947) of Fish Hoek, Oscar Navra (1946) of Sea Point, and John Marren (1947) of Green Point.

Reminiscences flowed freely as the veterans rolled back the clock. Apologies came from Tom Higgs (1946) of Somerset West and former judge Charles Waddington (1947), who moved last year from Mafikeng to the Cape after his retirement from the bench.

Sadly, John Marren, who appeared fit and in good form at the lunch, died three weeks later. (See Obituaries, Page 44.)

Jolly John's last Old Dalian lunch



Professor WALLACE VAN ZYL (1947), former head of the Department of Urban Planning at the University of the Free State, who lectures part-time at Stellenbosch, now has a new retirement hobby: writing travel articles.

"I have been doing short articles on travel and conservation and have enough diaries, material and photos to sink a battleship," he told TransDale.

Most impressive was a major article by Wallace published last

Wallace the academic turns travel writer

November in the Cape Times, headlined "Sydney's Olympic Park takes shape."

It describes Wallace's visit to the 900-hectare site and 1,3 billion-

dollar project at Homebush, west of Sydney. With his long experience in town planning and his interest in conservation, Wallace was well equipped to write knowledgeably about Australia's architectural and other preparations for the 2000 Olympic Games. He writes entertainingly, too.

"The 'publish and perish' bug has bitten, not in my old 'compulsory academic' style, but a yen for nostalgia and travel markets," he says.

Jock calls it a day

DONALD DUNCAN (1942-44), nicknamed Stiffie at Dale but better known later as Jock, has retired for the second time.

He spent 33 years with the Johannesburg municipality, mainly in the personnel department, before retiring in 1988. Bored, he soon went back to work in human resources, specialising in industrial relations, with an international company, IMS.

Jock lives in Roodepoort.

Doing well in Britain: The Petzer brothers

ANTON PETZER (post-matric 1994) a Dale first team cricketer for four years, has been playing social cricket for Melrose Club in the south of Scotland during the British summer. Now he is again playing rugby for Melrose as the new season gets under way.

Anton, now known to his mates as Norm, left for London in February 1999 and moved to Scotland in September. He spent the winter playing centre and fullback for Melrose where he also works part-time in the building industry, tiling roofs "in freezing conditions," we are told.

Old Dalian PRO Jack Rosenberg reports: "He has a car, free accommodation and gets paid for each game. Funds from a big sponsor pay for all kit and meals after the rugby."

Anton is the son of Andre (1964), estate manager at Dale Junior, and Jean Petzer, one-time secretary at the Old Dalian Union office and now matron at DV Taylor House.

Andre says Anton babysits for Craig Chalmers, the Melrose and former Scottish international flyhalf, and is regarded there as a Scot as his grandmother (Jean's mum) is Scottish.

Younger brother MARC PETZER (1997), now in his third year in Britain, is working in a pub on the Thames in Richmond, London, and studying horticulture part-time by correspondence with Technikon SA.

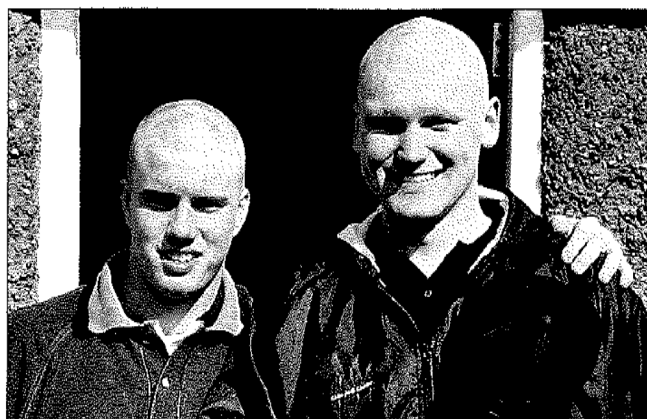
Marc, who played rugby for Dale firsts for four years and cricket for two years and captained both sides in 1997, now only has time for a bit of running and cycling. During the 1999 Cricket World Cup he worked as a security guard at Lord's. In Britain he has met Old Daliens Daniel Miles, Wesley Bahlmann, Adam Robertson, Brad Torr and Wesley Peake.

During this European summer he visited the annual bull-run in Pamplona, Spain, and the French Riveira. Anton has toured Europe.

The brothers visited their family in King William's Town during the South African summer. Anton brought a tie donated to the Old Dalian Union by Loretto College, the Scottish school whom Dale beat 122-nil in 1993. It is inscribed: 122-0.

RUGBY FAMILY

Nicholas Eyre (right), his brother Chris (left) and their uncle Alan, at the St Stithians rugby festival in April. Nic played scrumhalf for Dale in 1998-99 and Chris in the same position this year. Alan and his brother David (father of Nic and Chris) were Dale rugby stars in the '70s.



Where are they now?

Hair today, gone tomorrow

1999 DALE rugby stars ADAM ROBERTSON (left) and WESLEY BAHLMANN sported a new hairstyle during their five-month stint in Britain after matriculating at Dale last year.

Through an exchange scheme with the East London Technical College Wesley and Adam went to Warwickshire College in Birmingham and played Under 19 rugby against other colleges. They also played for Branbury Men's Club.

They were both chosen for the British Colleges team which toured South Africa playing development sides here.

Since their return Adam has joined the Border Academy and played for Border Under 19s. Wesley has taken a break from rugby and is farming near Kei Road with his father Kelvin, 1999 national president of the Old Dalian Union.

Ex-Dale rugby stars are roaring to go ...

THREE former Dale rugby stars are going places, playing for the Golden Lions Under 21s.

• GCOBANI BOBO, 20, began his rugby career playing for Dale in 1995 while still in Std 8, and was described in the school magazine as "the find of the season." After moving to Rondebosch Boys' High, he captained the Cape Town school side in 1997 and also SA Schools. He left the Western Province because "he felt he was not given a chance there."

"Golden Lions has helped me put my rugby career back on track," he told City Vision, a Johannesburg newspaper. He believed rugby had made him a better person and was grateful to the Golden Lions for looking after him.

Gcobani, who played flank at Dale and captained the Border Schools' B team, has moved to inside centre and impressed Golden Lions Under 21 coach Eugene Eloff. "He has got strength, agility and speed but the finest

point in his game is his defence," said Eloff, who thinks Gcobani only needs more experience and confidence to be a complete player.

• OGINGA SIWUNDLA, who played fullback and flyhalf for Dale with Gcobani in 1995, is playing fullback for the Lions. He was recruited to the Lions' den with Bobo. The 1995 Dale Magazine described him as a versatile ball-player with a great future.

• NICHOLAS EYRE, Dale's first team scrumhalf in 1998 and 1999, was awarded honours last year and also played for Border Schools in Craven Week. At the same time as playing for the Lions he is studying at RAU for a BSc degree in information technology.

Nic was awarded half colours for academics last year and won two trophies, one for outstanding performance in rugby and another for the all-round scholar/sportsman in Grade 12. He also won a prize for science.



GOING UP DOWN UNDER:

Greg gains his first All Black cap

NEW ZEALANDER Greg Somerville, who spent a year at Dale as a Rotary Exchange student, won his first All Black cap this year against Tonga and was chosen for the national squad for the Tri-nations series against Australia and South Africa.

Now aged 22, his elevation has long been predicted by knowledgeable critics quoted in TransDale.

Greg was vice-captain of the Dale First XV and played for Border Schools in 1995.

This season was his second for the Canterbury Crusaders, who won the Super 12 trophy for the third time.

TV commentators praised the performance of prop forward Greg, described as "a big, powerful man of 120 kilograms."

"He's had a strong season for the Crusaders," said one commentator during the Crusaders-Highlanders semi-final.

In the final against the ACT Brumbies, Greg had a solid game in which he was "sin-binned" (yellow-carded) for "mountaineering" in a loose scrum and penalised twice.

He played in the two Tests against the Tongans and was on the bench against Australia and South Africa in New Zealand and against South Africa at Ellis Park. He came on as a replacement at halftime and had a good game, although the All Blacks lost the Test.

• Greg's younger brother Daniel represented the All Blacks Colts (Under 19s) in the Junior World Cup in France this year. He played against the South Africans, whose squad included Dalian Kaunda Ntunja and Old Dalian Lonwabo Mtinka.

• Greg's New Zealand Colts jersey now hangs in the Old Dalian President's Room. It was donated by Greg, who once said he had learnt more about rugby at Dale than ever before.

GOING UP DOWN UNDER:

Gareth Krause wants to go pro

GARETH KRAUSE, last year's Dale headboy and First XV eighth man in 1997-99, is playing for North Harbour Under 19s in New Zealand and looking at a professional career.

Earlier this year he broke a discus record of former All Black Robin Brooke in the North Harbour athletics championships.

Other Old Dalian rugby players in the news:

• Johannesburgers Ondile Kiva, 1995-97 prop forward, toured New Zealand this season with the South African Under 21 squad who lost their world crown.

• Thobela Mdaka, 1996-98, has represented Border at wing and fullback and played Sevens rugby for South Africa.

At 70, ex-headmaster Tom Higgs studies to be a minister

FIFTEEN years ago Tom Higgs, an Old Dalian who became headmaster of Queen's College, was struck down with cancer – and survived.

After this reprieve, he has “gone back to school” to prepare to become a full-time minister in the Anglican Church.

But for 70-year-old Tom this was no Damascus-style conversion. For as long as he can remember, since his childhood in King William's Town, he has been a keen churchgoer.

As warden of Diocesan Hostel and a teacher at Dale, he became a sub-deacon (now known as a lay minister) in 1956 and continued in this part-time role while living in Umtata, Queenstown and Pine-lands, Cape.

It was during this time that Tom, who matriculated with a first class in 1946, was in turn head of Dale Primary, headmaster of Umtata High, followed by Queen's College, and finally a chief inspector in the Cape Education Department.

In 1985 – through an unrelated minor operation – Tom found he had cancer of the colon. “Specialists call this form of cancer the cad – no pain accompanies it,” he told TransDale.

“Afterwards my surgeon told me that if it had not been discovered I would have been dead within six months! A sobering thought.

Back to school!



TOM and MARY HIGGS ... a new sphere of life

“After the op, surveillance is the secret and I have enjoyed 15 years without any recurrence. In fact, I have been pronounced as enjoying the health of a 60-year-old.

“In view of this ‘reprieve’ I decided to offer the remainder of my life in God's service in a more

active capacity than before.”

Tom held a BA (Hons) degree and UED from Rhodes, but theology was missing from his subjects. So this year he is taking first-year Bible studies at the University of Stellenbosch.

Aspirant Anglican priests need

also to join a Fellowship of Vocation where they and the church “take time to consider whether the calling is genuine or not.”

The other candidates, who are much younger than Tom, are working for their theological qualification at the Moravian Missionary Society Theological College in Cape Town.

Tom is one of three whites – the other two being women – among the fellowship's 15 candidates. If the candidates “test positive” as members of the fellowship they become ordinands and are accepted by the church for training to the ministry. After at least a year as ordinands they can be ordained as deacons and one or two years later as priests.

“I want to be part of the solution and not the problems of South Africa,” Tom Higgs told TransDale. “The Anglican Church gives me the opportunity to ignore the colour line and judge people without prejudice.

“In the last six months I have found a great acceptance among the other members of the Fellowship of Vocation. We attend and take services in the townships and then ‘crit’ each other.

“It is a great new experience and I have found an inner peace which I believe is God's way of telling me that I am on the right track.”

The Dale rugby coach who became boss of Queen's

HOW does it feel to be an Old Dalian and former Dale teacher and yet headmaster of a rival school like Queen's College?

That was the fate of Tom Higgs, “best all-round leaving boy” of 1946, later Dale rugby coach and head of Dale Primary, who held the reins at Queen's from 1965 to 1974.

“I remember Walter Schnell (veteran Dale teacher and rugby coach) sitting next to me at the Queenstown Rec. in my first year at Queen's. I had coached the Dale First XV from 1954 until the end of 1960.

“Imagine my sentiments when Dale ran on to the field against our sworn enemies, QC, of whom I was now headmaster. The consequent clash of duty against sentiment resulted in my being absolutely withdrawn and detached during the match: a state of being that has never been repeated.

“Queen's and Dale were very similar schools with one striking exception. Dale was fortunate to have two church hostels whereas Queen's had developed a private hostel system. At the end of my nine-year stay at Queen's the per-

centage of boarders in private hostels had been reduced from close to 50 to less than 10 per cent.”

The son of a building contractor, Tom took a key role in building extensions, during his educational career. As warden of Diocesan Hostel he built on at “Top Hostel”. He set up new buildings at Umtata High School and at Queen's.

He was promoted to school inspector in the Cape in 1974 and five years later became one of the department's two chief inspectors. At that time one of his for-

mer Dale pupils, Michael Yates, was regional chief inspector on the Border.

After a distinguished career in education Tom retired in 1989 to his home in Somerset West, where he and his wife Mary, had lived since 1980.

• Tom Higgs is not the only Old Dalian to become headmaster of Queen's. He followed some years after Parry Davies and was followed by Dudley Schroeder, like him at one time president of the SA Teachers' Association, and later president of the Federal Teachers' Council of SA.

What Dale did for me

TOM HIGGS told TransDale that his schooldays at Dale influenced him in these ways:

- “To develop an acute sense of duty to my country – perhaps because of the Old Dalian servicemen who used to address us at assembly during the Second World War.

This was the main reason why I was a member of the Active Citizen Force from 1947 to 1989, ending up as a commandant.

- “Dale also gave me an opportunity to develop public speaking. I won the best speaker com-

petition for three years from 1944 to 1946.

- “I considered Taffy Williams to be an outstanding teacher and modelled my own teaching methods on his. I was thrilled to have him on the Queen's staff after his retirement from Dale.”

Tom and Mary, who met at Rhodes, were married in Holy Trinity Church, King William's Town, in 1953. They have four children and eight grandchildren.

- Marion, the eldest child, a BA from Rhodes and an MA in English from RAU, is an educational consultant living in Auckland Park, Johannesburg, “with her two boxer dogs.”

- Robert, the Higgs's only son, who “asked to be sent away where no one knew his father,” spent five years at Grey High School, Port Elizabeth. Having commanded an SA Navy submarine and been Director of Naval Strategy, he is now SA

Naval and Defence Attache in Washington. He holds a BSc degree from Stellenbosch and an MSc from the University of Salve Regina, USA.

- Kathy and her South African doctor husband live in Christchurch, New Zealand. She has an MA degree in psychology and has almost finished her Lib. at the University of Canterbury, Christchurch.

- Alison, the youngest daughter, is married to a teacher and teaches at Herschel in Cape Town. She was head prefect of Pinelands High School.

The end of the long arm of the law

MARTIN ROBINSON (1947) has retired – finally – after 53 years in the legal profession, including seven years in courts in 30 towns across the country as a prosecutor and occasionally as an acting magistrate.

He spent the last 37 years as an attorney with one of the oldest law firms in the former Transvaal and was a senior partner from 1972 until he retired from that role in 1997.

His firm, Malherbe, Rigg and Ranwell, in Boksburg, celebrated its centenary in 1994. It was started in 1894 by Boer General CF Beyers, who was joined by an attorney called König. General Beyers and König went to the war but neither of them returned to Boksburg. Malherbe was left to carry on and be joined later by Rigg, Ranwell and, in 1963, by Robinson.

Martin was then only the firm's sixth partner. For the past three years he has acted as a full-time consultant for the firm and remained active till the end.

A week before his retirement in August he was "too busy" to attend the mid-year lunch of the Johannesburg branch of the Old Dalian Union.

At 70, he has decided he does not wish to work any more. Asked what he intended to do in his retirement, he replied: "Nothing!"

He conceded, however, that he and his wife Sanni would do bit of travelling in South Africa and Namibia. They have no thoughts of migrating to the coast and will remain at their home in Parkrand, Boksburg.

• A great raconteur, Martin's favourite story (worthy of Herman Charles Bosman and story-teller Patrick Mynhardt at their best) relates how he "missed his wedding" at the Eastern Cape dorp of Indwe because the train did not stop at Sterkfontein station.

The water man

GRANT DAVIS (1947), a civil engineer, who retired in 1998 after many years in the Department of Water Affairs, is leading an active life. He is a member of the Amatola Water Board, vice-chairman of the Albany Coast Water Board and an executive member of the Bushmans Kariga Trust. He and his wife Lois live at Kenton-on-Sea.

Budding hoteliers

DAVID and PHILLIP SWITALA (1987-92) are working in a Boksburg hotel. David as conference co-ordinator and Phillip as assistant chef. The twins hold diplomas in hotel management from the Johannesburg Hotel School. They are the sons of Fred and Margaret Switala, honorary members of the TransDale Parents' Association.

Where are they now?



TOP DEBATERS: Dale's Sazi Tisani (lower right) and his SA team, who came fourth in the world schools' championships in Pittsburgh. From left: Richard Holm of St Stithians College, Bradley Shuttleworth of Bishops, Jarryd Licina of Rondebosch Boys' High and Rob Garlick of Bishops

Picture: MARIOLA BIELA, *The Citizen*.

Sazi's talking his way to the top

TALENTED Old Dalian SAZI TISANI, who was ranked seventh in the world in a debating contest and voted the Eastern Cape's top matric of 1999, is carving a successful career in Johannesburg.

Sazi, 18, who began studying for a BComm Law degree at Wits this year, is juggling a debating career, academics, sport and a social life, reports *East Cape Weekend*. The newspaper sponsors the Matric of the Year contest with The Bridge Shopping Centre in Port Elizabeth.

In 1998, when he was just 16 and in Grade 11 at Dale, Sazi was chosen to represent his country at the 11th world schools' debating championships in Britain. The SA team finished 11th out of 32 in the world and Sazi was ranked seventh among individual speakers.

Now he is even more involved in debating than he was at Dale. After its success in the international contest last year, his team was placed fourth in the event held in Pittsburgh, USA, in February.

Sazi is now active in university debating. His team won overall in the Gauteng debating championships, where 80 university-level speakers from 11 institutions took part. He won the individual section.

During the June vacation his team reached the quarter-finals of the national debating championships held in Stellenbosch. Altogether 140 speakers took part.

Sazi is now organising the world schools' debating championships to be held in Johannesburg next year and will be the SA



GOING PLACES: Sazi Tisani ... debating, the law, then politics?

Picture: *East Cape Weekend*

team manager.

He told *East Cape Weekend* that one of the greatest things about winning the matric competition was to be "recognised for what I have done and to take time to appreciate the support that those close to me have provided." But it seems he has had little time to pause during his busy life this year.

"For my undergraduate degree I plan to major in finance law, then continue at Wits and do my LIB," he said. "I am hoping to do my LIM overseas and come back to South Africa to possibly practise as a corporate advocate."

"I may still be able to make a difference in politics after studying."

A CASE OF PATIENCE REWARDED

THE PATIENCE brothers, Bruce (1987) and Glenn (1991), are engaged to be married. Bruce will marry Colette Louw, formerly of Cape Town and now in the insurance business in Johannesburg, on November 4 this year. The wedding will take place in Parktown, Johannesburg.

Glenn and his fiancée, Kim Jones, a catering unit manager with Fedics in Johannesburg, plan to wed in October next year in Primrose, Germiston.

Bruce is software business unit manager of Storgate Africa in Johannesburg. Glenn is in a printing brokering business (Bruglenn Business Forms/Promotions) with his father.

They are the sons of Neville and Colleen Patience, stalwarts of the TransDale Parents' Association in the '80s and early '90s, of Meredale, Johannesburg. Neville was chairman for two years and Colleen treasurer for eight.

In nearly ten years on the committee they helped to put the parents' association on its financial feet by introducing catering at dog shows, which remains one of its main fund-raising efforts to this day.

For their service to Dale College they both received the Per Ardua Award and Neville was made an honorary Old Dalian.

Medical mission

KENNETH REED (1994-1997) is in his second year of study at the University of the Free State for a BSc degree before hopefully switching to medicine.

Kenneth, who was prominent at Dale as a chess player, hopes eventually to be admitted to a medical school at Free State, Wits or UCT. He is playing hockey and squash for the university's Abram Fischer Hostel.

Although Kenneth left Dale before matriculating and completed his education at Parktown Boys' High, nearer his Vereeniging home, he still retains his links with Old Dalian friends and supports Dale rugby and other teams when they play in Gauteng.

Kenneth is the son of Ken and Paola Reed, whose Vereeniging printing firm has on occasion printed brochures, pamphlets and TransDale for the parents' association.

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GARETH HOAR (1985) has returned to his plumbing business, Greens Plumbing, in Johannesburg after working for some months on contract with a mining company in Tanzania.

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ERIC CLEMITSO (1984-86), an accountant and financial consultant, is a partner in Precipice Financial Services in Johannesburg.

OBITUARIES

JOHN MARREN

Lifetime banker and keen golfer

JOHN MARREN (matric class 1947) died in the Constantiaberg Hospital, Cape Town, on May 6 – five days after taking ill suddenly at his home in Sea Point. He and his wife Joan would have celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary a week later. He was 68.

Born in Bloemfontein, John spent his entire working life in banking, the last 14 years as manager of First National's branch in Pinelands, Cape.

His career took him to several Eastern Cape towns, including East London and Grahamstown, before he moved to the Cape in 1958. He retired in 1991.

Born into a family of golfers, John was an enthusiast from age 15, a Prentice Golfer in his youth and a member of the Rondebosch Golf Club for more than 40 years. He played his last game only two days before he became ill.

At Dale, John matriculated at age 16, was a prefect at Joubert House and played second team rugby. Golf was not a school sport then.

He leaves his wife Joan, two married daughters, Lindsay in Brussels, Belgium, and Nicola in Hout Bay, Cape, twin grand-daughters and one grandson.



WEDDING DAY: Melanie and Mike Wesson at their marriage in March 1999

James Hartley: Murdered

JAMES (Gans) HARTLEY, who won both cricket and rugby colours at Dale in 1976, and later still played cricket with a wooden leg, was murdered on the outskirts of Umtata, Transkei, in February. He was 41.

A diesel mechanic, James lived on a farm near Komga and used to travel to the Transkei to maintain machines.

One evening he was attacked by two men at his workplace and stabbed several times. A man was arrested and later released on bail.

At Dale, James was a boarder at Frank Joubert House and played lock for the First XV and Border Schools. In the 1976 season he scored 47 points, including four tries, five penalties and eight conversions – the third top scorer. He won a trophy for performance and promise in rugby.

A fast bowler, he topped the First

XI averages in both the first and last terms of 1976 and was chosen for the Border Nuffield A team.

James was one of three brothers educated at Dale. After leaving school in Std 9, he joined the eldest, Ernest (1961), on his tobacco farm in the Eastern Transvaal.

There he lost part of a leg in a freak accident when he was hit by a truck while at work. The leg was amputated from below the knee.

After returning to the Eastern Cape he played cricket for Komga, bowling with a wooden leg. "He used to hop, skip and bowl," said his second brother, Mansfield (1971), an East London policeman.

Living on a pineapple farm near Kei Mouth, James learnt his trade and then worked for a garage in Komga before joining the earth-moving business. He was cremated in East London.

MELANIE WESSON

Rugby coach loses wife after car crash

TEN MONTHS after her wedding, MELANIE WESSON, wife of the 1999 Dale First XV coach, died on January 29 – victim of a holiday car crash seven weeks earlier.

Melanie and Mike Wesson were on their way to Durban on December 9, 1999, when their car collided with a vehicle near Idutywa, Transkei. Melanie was trapped in the car and suffered a fractured femur, pelvis and leg. Mike escaped serious injury.

Melanie was taken to hospital in East London where she underwent emergency surgery. She was apparently recovering at home when she suffered a blood clot.

Melanie (nee Collocott), who matriculated at the Kaffrarian High School for Girls in 1992, was a foreign exchange clerk at First National Bank in King William's Town. She met Mike, a teacher at Dale College, in 1997 and they were married in March 1999.

Old Dalian Mark Pote (1975-79), former administrative manager at FNB in King, described Melanie as an excellent worker.

The entire school staff and most of the pupils attended the funeral service at the Roman Catholic Church in the town.

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OBITUARIES

DAVE REYNOLDS:

He lived life to the full

DAVID REYNOLDS (1953), dynamic businessman, Springbok shottist and hunter, died in retirement at Bushman's River on September 2. He was 65.

A friend from boyhood, Canon Peter Bowen, who led Dave's memorial service in Bryanston, described him as "the little Komga farm boy who reached out and touched the stars." He worked hard and he played hard and "lived it up right to the end."

Born in East London, Dave settled in Johannesburg in 1962 and rose to become a prominent figure in the plant-hire business. He built up his earth-moving business into Reynolds Plant Hire and Dozer Parts and was honorary life-president of the Contractors Plant Hire Association.

An outstanding marksman from his schooldays, he represented Dale at army Bisleys over three years, winning awards and coming first in the 1953 school shooting championships.

He won Springbok colours for clay-pigeon shooting in 1980 and 1981 and was one of only two South Africans who got 400 out of 400 in an international competition. He won the State President's Award for his contribution to clay-pigeon shooting.

Dave loved hunting, shooting and fishing. A deadly shot, he went on a springbok and blesbok hunt a month before he died.

"He fished in the great fishing spots of the world and hunted in the greatest hunting spots," said Canon Bowen.

In business he was "as hard as nails but straight as a die" and did a million rand deal on his laptop. He lived creatively, his company built highways, dams and airport runways.

"He was a perfectionist in every thing he did," said Canon Bowen.

After retiring to Bushman's River in 1997, Dave was busy till the end. His many hobbies included cabinet-making, biltong-making and bridge.

Dave leaves his wife Valerie, daughters Meegan and Michelle, a son Graeme, who runs Dozer Parts, and seven grandchildren. His Old Dalian brother Roger (1954) was until his retirement in 1998 a director of the business.

FOR the second time in two days the stirring strains of the Dale War Cry rang through a church at a funeral service in Gauteng. First it was for Gary Butcher (see above), then it was for his friend Timothy Webb, who died with him on August 19.

It was a final tribute from schoolmates who had flown in from several parts of South Africa to pay their respects.

Tim Webb spent eight years at Dale, from Dale Junior to matric. At his funeral in Alberton, Dale Junior Headmaster Mike Hosty talked sadly of "a Dale prodigy - strong, tough and sporting, with a

TransDale extends condolences to the families of the Old Dalians and other members of the Dale Family, whose deaths are recorded on these pages.



FESTIVAL FLASHBACK: Gary Butcher (centre) with his brothers Derek and Raymond at the St Stithians rugby festival over Easter 2000.

Two well-known younger Old Dalians, Gary Butcher and Timothy Webb, died in Pretoria in tragic circumstances on August 19. Here are tributes to both.

GARY BUTCHER: Water-polo star, swimmer and joker

GARY BUTCHER (1982-1989) was one of three brothers who together spent 20 years at Dale Junior and Dale College. He was best known at Dale as a water-polo star and swimmer and as a popular practical joker.

He died three months after attending the 2000 Old Dalian Reunion, which he described as "brilliant, the best of five I've been to, better even than my tenth anniversary year." (See picture Page 20.) He was 29.

Old Dalian schoolmates from Knysna, Umtata, Stutterheim, Port Elizabeth and Durban joined others from Gauteng at his funeral in Constantia Park, Pretoria, and rendered the Dale War Cry in the church after the service. Younger brother Derek flew in from London where he is on a two-year working holiday. National president Ivan Venter represented the Old Dalian Union.

Dale Junior Headmaster Mike Hosty, accompanied by Mandy, paid a moving tribute to Gary, whom they had known since he came to DV Taylor House as a "wide-eyed gentle Durban boy."

He had learnt from his brothers Raymond and Derek what not to do to "keep out of trouble ... and how to be cute enough to get his own way."

"He had the most endearing and ready smile and always made good eye-contact when he spoke to anyone. He had nothing to hide and was ready to love and be loved." Mike said Gary was with "a naughty bunch of guys in Standard Five." Recalling the "Andrew Bennet extraction of kocksisters from the fridge incident," he added: "Gary didn't have his hands in the fridge but he had syrup all around his mouth."

In his matric year he won the traditional Frank Joubert Nobby Award "given to the guy who is behind every practical joke and manages to get up everyone's nose without making any enemies."

Gary won Dale colours for swimming and waterpolo. He was a school prefect and, as flyhalf, captained the third rugby team. He also played waterpolo for Border Schools, SA Schools B and later for Natal and Northern Transvaal.

Old Dalian friends at the funeral included Andrew Bennet, Alan Canny, Warren Raath, Andrew Burton, Clinton Penny, Steve (Scotty) Smith and Hylton Fortmann.

At the time of his death Gary and his father were running an industrial coating company appropriately named Heron Coating Systems. He leaves his parents Tony and Colleen, his brothers Raymond (Dale matric class of 1988) and Derek (1993) and a sister Andra Fox of Ballito, KwaZulu-Natal.

TIM WEBB: THE SPRINTER 'WITH A GENTLE SPIRIT'

special quality - a gentle spirit."

Tim came to Dale Junior from the Transvaal in 1983 when Mike and Mandy Hosty were running DV Taylor House.

He made his mark in "his own, quiet, conscientious way," said Mr Hosty. He played in the school's senior Under 13A rugby side and went on at Dale College to be a prominent athlete, winning the Nixon Trophy and representing Border. He played second team rugby and several times for the firsts. He was a cadet officer.

After matriculating in 1990, Tim

served his army training in the Engineers. "His sprinting abilities proved an asset on the track and on the rugby field," said his father, Cliff Webb of Randvaal, south of Alberton.

He played for the Northern Free State Under 19 and Riemland (Eastern Free State Country Districts) rugby teams. At athletics he represented his regiment, as well as Eastern Free State Defence, OFS Command and SADF track teams.

In 1992 he joined his father in starting a meat-processing factory in Randvaal, was appointed a

NEIL HARTLEY: The cruel sea claims a life-long fisherman

NEIL HARTLEY died doing what he loved most - fishing. He was drowned after being washed off the rocks while fishing on the Transkei coast in June. He was 64.

Neil, of Dordrecht, a boarder at Dale from 1948 to 1953, was a life-long angler. He had made his first cast of the day while fishing with friends at Coffee Bay when a freak wave swept him into the sea.

He was swimming to safety when another wave bashed him on to a big rock injuring him. A doctor tried in vain to revive him.

A memorial service was held in Dordrecht and Neil's ashes and those of his first wife, who died in 1983, were scattered in the sea at Coffee Bay.

Mrs Margo Hartley, an aunt, told TransDale that Neil had farmed near Dordrecht with his two sons until he moved into town and went into the brickmaking business a few years ago. "Neil loved fishing. It is sad, but perhaps fitting, that he should have ended his days in this way," she said.

Neil leaves his second wife Vicki of Jeffreys Bay, two sons, Mark and Evan, a daughter, Janice, and eight grandchildren. Janice lives in Canada. Neil's brother Brian, also an Old Dalian (1948-54), lives in Queenstown.

TYREL VAN WYK: Killed in car crash

TYREL VAN WYK (1999) was killed in a car accident in King William's Town on January 23, three weeks after matriculating at Dale College. He was 18.

Tyrel was at Dale from Sub A to Grade 12. At the 1999 prize-giving he was awarded a prize for business economics.

He was working in January as a trainee manager at the Wimpy restaurant in King William's Town after a spell at the adjoining Engen garage.

Tyrel was the son of the late Raymond van Wyk, who spent two years at Dale in the middle 1960s, and Gail Hayidakis, of King William's Town. He leaves his mother, his 15-year-old brother Quinn van Wyk, who is in Grade 9 at Dale, his Old Dalian step-father Robin Hayidakis (1978) and four-year-old step-brother Haydn.

director in 1997 and managing director in June this year.

"Tim's two great sporting passions were fishing and hunting," said his father.

Another director at Pendale Foods (Pty) Ltd is Old Dalian Gavin Franken (1990) and the company's Mpumalanga branch in Ermelo is managed by Lawrence Wood (also 1990).

Tim leaves his parents Cliff and Sue and a sister Taryn.

Gavin Franken, Lawrence Wood and Tim's former newboy, John Kirk, from Natal, attended the funeral, with others who were present at Gary Butcher's.

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